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S.B. No. 978

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a study of the feasibility of converting quarries and  
3 surface mine pits for use as water storage reservoirs to enhance  
4 this state's available water supply.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. (a) The legislature shall establish a joint  
7 interim committee to study the feasibility and desirability of  
8 converting quarries and surface mine pits for use as water storage  
9 reservoirs to enhance this state's available water supply.

10 (b) The committee is composed of:

11 (1) the members of the standing committee of the  
12 senate that has primary jurisdiction over natural resources; and

13 (2) the members of the standing committee of the house  
14 of representatives that has primary jurisdiction over natural  
15 resources.

16 (c) The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of  
17 representatives shall jointly designate a chair or, alternatively,  
18 designate two co-chairs from among the committee membership.

19 (d) The committee may adopt rules necessary to carry out the  
20 committee's duties under this section.

21 (e) Not later than December 1, 2020, the committee shall  
22 report to the governor and the legislature the findings of the study  
23 and any recommendations developed by the committee under this  
24 section.

1           (f) The committee is abolished and this Act expires January  
2 12, 2021.

3           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.