

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to taking sand, gravel, marl, shell, and mudshell from the San Jacinto River and its tributaries.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 86, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 86.0192 to read as follows:

Sec. 86.0192. EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS. (a) This section applies only to the following political subdivisions:

(1) San Jacinto River Authority; and

(2) Harris County Flood Control District.

(b) A political subdivision may take sand, gravel, marl, shell, and mudshell from the San Jacinto River and its tributaries to restore, maintain, or expand the capacity of the river and its tributaries to convey storm flows.

(c) A political subdivision acting under this section is not required to:

(1) obtain a permit or pay a fee to take sand, gravel, marl, shell, or mudshell under Subsection (b); or

(2) purchase sand, gravel, marl, shell, or mudshell taken under Subsection (b).

(d) A political subdivision acting under this section may deposit sand, gravel, marl, shell, or mudshell taken under Subsection (b) on private land.

1           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.