

By: Schwertner

S.B. No. 1656

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the preservation of Fairfield Lake State Park; granting the power of eminent domain.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Q, Chapter 22, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 22.230 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER Q: FAIRFIELD LAKE STATE PARK

Sec. 22.230. PRESERVATION OF FAIRFIELD LAKE STATE PARK.

(a) The legislature finds that:

(1) in the year of the centennial celebration of Texas State Parks, the state has a vested interest in preserving and protecting state parks operated by Parks and Wildlife Department;

(2) the state of Texas and the Parks and Wildlife Department have invested over \$70 million in the development and operation of Fairfield Lake State Park.

(b) the department has the power of eminent domain to acquire in the manner provided by Chapter 21, Property Code, any property necessary to preserve Fairfield Lake State Park, and to carry out the purposes of this section, including the acquisition of approximately 1,821.353 acres and the adjoining acres associated with that property.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.