

1-1 By: Faircloth, et al. H.B. No. 2252
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Taylor of Galveston)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2017;
 1-4 May 10, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
 1-5 Resources & Economic Development; May 17, 2017, reported favorably
 1-6 by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 17, 2017, sent to
 1-7 printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to the feasibility of creating and maintaining a coastal
 1-24 barrier system.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. (a) The legislature shall establish a joint
 1-27 interim committee to continue to study the feasibility and
 1-28 desirability of creating and maintaining a coastal barrier system
 1-29 in this state that includes a series of gates and barriers to
 1-30 prevent storm surge damage to gulf beaches or coastal ports,
 1-31 industry, or property.

1-32 (b) The committee is composed of:

1-33 (1) the members of the standing committee of the
 1-34 senate that has primary jurisdiction over natural resources;

1-35 (2) the members of the standing committee of the house
 1-36 of representatives that has primary jurisdiction over land and
 1-37 resource management;

1-38 (3) two members of the senate appointed by the
 1-39 lieutenant governor, each of whom represents a district in a county
 1-40 that borders the Gulf of Mexico; and

1-41 (4) two members of the house of representatives
 1-42 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, each of
 1-43 whom represents a district in a county that borders the Gulf of
 1-44 Mexico.

1-45 (c) The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of
 1-46 representatives shall jointly designate a chair or, alternatively,
 1-47 designate two co-chairs from among the committee membership.

1-48 (d) The committee may adopt rules necessary to carry out the
 1-49 committee's duties under this section.

1-50 (e) Not later than December 1, 2018, the committee shall
 1-51 report to the governor and the legislature the findings of the study
 1-52 and any recommendations developed by the committee under this
 1-53 section.

1-54 (f) The committee is abolished and this Act expires January
 1-55 7, 2019.

1-56 SECTION 2. Chapter 194 (S.B. 695), Acts of the 84th
 1-57 Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is repealed.

1-58 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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