

1-1 By: Holland, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Buckingham) H.B. No. 2971
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 13, 2019;
 1-3 May 14, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
 1-4 Resources & Economic Development; May 17, 2019, reported favorably
 1-5 by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 17, 2019, sent to
 1-6 printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
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1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to powers and duties concerning records of the General
 1-23 Land Office.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Sections 31.056(a) and (b), Natural Resources
 1-26 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-27 (a) The commissioner may ~~shall~~ prepare a revision and
 1-28 compilation of the various volumes of the abstracts of patented,
 1-29 titled, and surveyed real property which were previously made by
 1-30 the land office.

1-31 (b) The various counties of the state may ~~shall~~ be
 1-32 apportioned into ~~[one of not more than eight]~~ districts for the
 1-33 purpose of revising and compiling the abstracts and the abstracts
 1-34 of each of the districts may ~~shall~~ be compiled in a separate
 1-35 volume.

1-36 SECTION 2. Section 31.0655, Natural Resources Code, is
 1-37 amended to read as follows:

1-38 Sec. 31.0655. ~~[STATE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS TO]~~ SAVE TEXAS
 1-39 HISTORY AND ADOPT-A-BEACH PROGRAMS. (a) For purposes of Subchapter
 1-40 I, Chapter 659, Government Code:

1-41 (1) the land office, for the sole purpose of managing
 1-42 the Save Texas History and Adopt-A-Beach programs, is considered an
 1-43 eligible charitable organization entitled to participate in the
 1-44 state employee charitable campaign; and

1-45 (2) a state employee is entitled to authorize a
 1-46 deduction for contributions to the land office for the purposes of
 1-47 managing the Save Texas History and Adopt-A-Beach programs as a
 1-48 charitable contribution under Section 659.132, Government Code,
 1-49 and the land office may use the contributions for the purpose of:

1-50 (A) preserving historic maps and documents under
 1-51 the Save Texas History program; or

1-52 (B) administering the Adopt-A-Beach program.

1-53 (b) The land office may use cash, gifts, grants, donations,
 1-54 or in-kind contributions the land office receives through the
 1-55 administration of the Save Texas History program to:

1-56 (1) preserve, conserve, and promote the land office's
 1-57 records;

1-58 (2) provide educational programming and resources on
 1-59 Texas history; and

1-60 (3) acquire additional records to complement the land
 1-61 office's records.

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

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