

CHAPTER 665

S.B. No. 1245

An Act relating to the boundaries and conservation program of the Nueces River Authority; amending Chapter 427, Acts of the 44th Legislature, 1st Called Session, 1935, as amended (Article 8280-115, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), by amending Subsections (a) and (c) of Section 2.02 and by adding Section 3.22A.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subsections (a) and (c), Section 2.02, Chapter 427, Acts of the 44th Legislature, 1st Called Session, 1935, as amended (Article 8280-115, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), are amended to read as follows:

“(a) The authority includes all [the] counties which lie wholly within the Nueces River Basin, *all of San Patricio, Nueces, and Jim Wells counties*, and [also includes] generally the *in-basin parts* of other counties, except Webb County, which lie partially within the basin. The actual boundaries of the area within the authority may be described by metes and bounds as follows: *Beginning at a point in the boundary of the State of Texas offshore of the City of Port Aransas at the Northeast corner of Nueces County and the most southerly Southeast corner of Aransas County; thence along the common line between Nueces County and Aransas County in a westerly and then northerly direction to a point in the center of the Intracoastal Canal cutoff*

between Rockport and Aransas Pass, Texas; thence southerly along the centerline of the said Intracoastal Canal to its point of intersection with an extension of the boundary line between Aransas County and San Patricio County for the northernmost Southeast corner of San Patricio County and the Southwest corner of Aransas County for an angle point; thence along the common line between San Patricio County and Aransas County in a northwesterly direction approximately 14 miles to a point on the Aransas River on the South line of Refugio County for the Northeast corner of San Patricio County and the West corner of Aransas County; thence along the Aransas River and the common line between Refugio County and San Patricio County in a west-northwesterly direction approximately 19 miles to a point on the Southeast line of Bee County for the Southwest corner of Refugio County; thence along the common line between Bee County and San Patricio County in a west-northwesterly direction approximately 16 miles to the common corner of Live Oak, Bee, and San Patricio Counties; [Beginning at a point the mouth of the Nueces River being the intersection of the center line of said river with the shore line of the Nueces Bay; thence N. 40° W. approximately 31 miles to the common corner of Live Oak, Bee, and San Patricio Counties, same including approximately 125,000 acres off the West side of San Patricio County;] thence in a northwesterly direction with the line between Live Oak and Bee Counties approximately 14 miles; thence N. approximately 25 miles to the most northern corner of Bee County; thence N. 40° W. at approximately 19 1/2 miles the Karnes-Wilson Counties line, at about 31 miles a point in the S.W. line of Bexar County; thence approximately North 77 1/2° W. approximately 28 miles, to the S.W. corner of Bexar County; thence N.W. along the northwest extension of the common boundary between Bexar and Atascosa Counties 3 1/2 miles to a point; thence N. 30° W. approximately 28 miles to a point in the North line of Medina County; then North 64° W. approximately 34 miles to a point in the west line of Bandera County; thence North approximately 3 miles to the northwest corner of Bandera County; thence West with the line of Real and Kerr Counties approximately 5 miles to S.W. corner of Kerr County; thence North with the line between Kerr and Real Counties approximately 13 miles to the N.E. corner of Real County; thence West, North and West, with the north line of Real County, approximately 18 miles to the Northwest corner of Real County; thence South 75° west approximately 15 miles to the Court House in Rock Springs in Edwards County; thence N. 68° W. approximately 15 miles to a point; thence S. 34° W. approximately 19 miles to a point; thence S. 35° E. at 21 miles pass a point in the South line of Edwards County, 34 miles to a point; thence S. 23 1/2° W. approximately 14 miles to a point; thence S. approximately 8 miles to Spofford Junction; thence South with the Eagle Pass branch of G. H. & S. A. R. R. at 15 miles a point; thence South 12 miles to a point; thence S. 41 1/2° E. 42 miles to the village of Dentonia in Dimmit County; thence S. 27 1/2° d. E. approximately 10 miles to the Dimmit and Webb Counties line; thence E. with said Dimmit-Webb County line approximately 25 miles to the west line of La Salle County; thence South with west line of La Salle County approximately 5 miles to the S.W. corner of La Salle County, a common corner with Webb County; thence E. with the Webb-La Salle County line approximately 30 miles to the N.E. corner of Webb County, the common corner of Webb, La Salle, McMullen and Duval Counties; thence S. with the Webb-Duval County line approximately 27 miles to a point in the E. line of Webb County; thence N. 35° d. E. 33 miles to a point on the 28 d. North Parallel; thence East along the 28 degrees North Parallel approximately 17 miles to a point on the East line of Duval County and the West line of Jim Wells County for an interior corner; thence along the common line between Duval County and Jim Wells County, South approximately 55 miles to a point on the North line of Brooks County for the Southwest corner of Jim Wells County and the Southeast corner of Duval County; thence along the common line between Jim Wells County and Brooks County, East approximately 11 miles to a point for the northernmost Southwest corner of Kleberg County and the southernmost Southeast corner of Jim Wells County; thence along the common line between Jim Wells County and Kleberg County, North approximately 25.5 miles to the Northwest corner of Kleberg County and an interior corner of Jim Wells County; thence along the common line between Jim Wells County and Kleberg County, East approximately 7.25 miles to a point in the center of San Fernando Creek for the northernmost Southeast corner of Jim Wells County and the northernmost Southwest corner of Nueces County; thence along the centerline of San Fernando Creek and along the common line between Kleberg County and Nueces County in a southeasterly direction approximately 9 miles to a point for the southernmost Southwest corner of Nueces County; thence along the common line between Kleberg County and Nueces County, East approximately 32 miles to a point on the shoreline of Laguna Madre for an angle point; thence along the common line between Kleberg County and Nueces County in an east-northeasterly direction across Laguna Madre approximately 5.25 miles to a point on the Northwest line of Padre Island for an angle point; thence along the common line between Kleberg County and Nueces County in a southeasterly direction to a point on the boundary of the State of Texas in the Gulf of Mexico off North Padre Island at the Northeast corner of Kleberg County and the Southeast corner of Nueces County; thence along the boundary

of the State of Texas in the Gulf of Mexico and along the Southeast line of Nueces County in a northeasterly direction to the point of beginning; [~~thence E. with said 28 d. North parallel 37 miles to a point on the San Antonio Aransas Pass R. R.; thence S. 45 d. E. 15 miles to a point; thence E. 15 miles to place of beginning;~~] being all of Live Oak County, 1116 square miles, McMullen County 1302 square miles, La Salle County 1561 square miles, Frio County 1124 square miles, Zavala County 1348 square miles, Atascosa County, 1358 square miles, Real County 619 square miles, [~~and~~] Uvalde County 1589 square miles, *San Patricio County* 680 square miles, *Nueces County* 838 square miles, and *Jim Wells County* 846 square miles, and parts of the following Counties with the number of square miles included in the authority:

[San Patricio	106 square miles.
[Nueces	63 square miles.
[Jim Wells	98 square miles.]
Duval	378 square miles.
Dimmit	1200 square miles.
Maverick	574 square miles.
Kinney	602 square miles.
Medina	1113 square miles.
Bandera	224 square miles.
Edwards	922 square miles.
Bexar	84 square miles.
Wilson	98 square miles.
Karnes	85 square miles.
Bee	135 square miles.”

“(c) If the directors find any land included in the field notes *other than land in San Patricio, Nueces, and Jim Wells counties*, which is not actually included in the watershed, the board shall exclude the land from the authority and file a certificate of exclusion with the county clerk of the county in which the land is located. The certificate of exclusion shall describe the boundaries of the land excluded so that the land remaining in the authority may be adequately identified.”

SECTION 2. Chapter 427, Acts of the 44th Legislature, 1st Called Session, 1935, as amended (Article 8280-115, Vernon’s Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Section 3.22A to read as follows:

“Section 3.22A. **CONSERVATION PROGRAM.** *The board shall adopt and implement a program of water conservation that incorporates the practices, techniques, and technologies that will reduce the consumption of water, reduce the loss or waste of water, improve the efficiency in the use of water, or increase the recycling and reuse of water so that a water supply is made available for future or alternative uses and that the Texas Department of Water Resources determines will meet reasonably anticipated local needs and conditions.*”

SECTION 3. The legislature finds and determines that the boundaries and field notes of the Nueces River Authority form a closure. If any mistake is made in copying the field notes in the legislative process or a mistake is otherwise made in the field notes, the mistake in no way affects the organization, existence, and validity of the authority or the right of the authority to issue any type of bonds or refunding bonds for the purpose for which the authority is created or to pay the principal of or interest on the bonds or the right to assess, levy, and collect taxes or in any other manner affects the legality or operation of the authority or its governing body.

SECTION 4. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed the Senate on April 25, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 21, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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