

CHAPTER 21

S.B. No. 325

AN ACT

relating to the creation and operation of the Texas Natural Resources Information System.

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

SECTION 1. Section 16.021, Water Code, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 16.021. *TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCES INFORMATION SYSTEM* [~~CENTRALIZED DATA BANK~~]. (a) The executive administrator shall *establish the Texas Natural Resources Information System as* [create] *a centralized information system* [data bank] incorporating all *Texas natural resource* [hydrological] data, *socioeconomic*

*data related to natural resources, or indexes related to that data that is collected by state agencies or other entities.*

*(b) The Texas Natural Resources Information System Task Force is created to provide guidance to the executive administrator in carrying out his duties under this section. The task force is composed of one representative from each state agency designated by the executive administrator. The executive administrator shall designate a state agency as a participant in the task force if the agency collects or uses natural resource and related socioeconomic data. Representatives of each designated agency shall be selected by the chief administrative officer of that agency.*

*(c) Under the guidance of the Texas Natural Resources Information System Task Force, the executive administrator shall:*

*(1) develop and implement the Texas Natural Resources Information System;*

*(2) obtain information in response to disagreements regarding names and name spellings for natural and cultural features in the state and provide this information to the Board on Geographic Names of the United States Department of the Interior;*

*(3) make recommendations to the Board on Geographic Names of the United States Department of the Interior for naming any natural or cultural feature subject to the limitations provided by Subsection (d) of this section.*

*(d) A recommendation may not be made under Subdivision (3) of Subsection (c) of this section for:*

*(1) a feature previously named under statutory authority or recognized by an agency of the federal government, the state, or a political subdivision of the state;*

*(2) a feature located on private property for which consent of the property owner cannot be obtained; or*

*(3) naming a natural or cultural feature for a living person.*

SECTION 2. Section 23, Chapter 500, Acts of the 56th Legislature, Regular Session, 1955, as amended (Article 6145, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

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 February 23, 1987, by a viva-voce vote. Passed the House on April 2, 1987, by a non-record vote.

Approved April 14, 1987.

Effective September 1, 1987.