

AN ACT

relating to a requirement that the General Land Office conduct a study regarding the use of wind or solar power to desalinate brackish groundwater.

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

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

(1) "Development board" means the Texas Water Development Board.

(2) "Land office" means the General Land Office.

SECTION 2. STUDY. (a) The land office in consultation with the development board shall conduct a study regarding the use of wind or solar power to desalinate brackish groundwater on real property owned by the state.

(b) The land office and the development board may request data from any state agency in conducting the study. An agency receiving a request under this subsection shall provide the requested data.

(c) The land office may coordinate with a research division of a university in conducting the study.

SECTION 3. REPORT. (a) Not later than December 31, 2016, the land office shall report the results of the study conducted under this Act to the governor and the legislature.

(b) The report described by this section may not disclose information that is excepted from the requirements of Section

1 552.021, Government Code.

2 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
3 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
4 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
5 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
6 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 991 passed the Senate on  
April 22, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 991 passed the House on  
May 22, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 7, two  
present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor