

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 641
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 641 extends the Red River Boundary Commission (commission) by four years. The commission is currently working with the State of Oklahoma to correct the border between the states in Lake Texoma, which has shifted due to coordinate errors in the original map. This boundary shift has affected a water pumping station originally built in Texas, but due to the boundary change, is now in Oklahoma. This makes the operation of the pump illegal due to the Lacey Act and threatens the water supply of north Texas.

H.B. 641 amends current law relating to the continuation of the Red River Boundary Commission.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 12.057(b), Natural Resources Code, to require the Red River Boundary Commission, not later than July 30, 2021, rather than July 30, 2017, to issue a final report to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and appropriate committees of the legislature.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 12.058, Natural Resources Code, to change the expiration of this subchapter (Red River Boundary Commission) from December 31, 2017, to December 31, 2021.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2017.