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

Section 1. That the river bed of the Trinity River in Henderson and Navarro Counties shall remain the property of the State and shall not be sold and that all portions of this river bed, that are now the property of this State, shall not be sold, even though the channel of such river has been changed or may be changed, and providing further, that the people of this State shall have full right to fish in the waters of said Trinity River and in such waters that are in abandoned channels of this river, the bottoms of which are owned by this State, and shall have full right to hunt within the confines of such State property, provided that such fishing or hunting is in accordance with the laws of this State or such laws or regulations that may hereafter be provided.

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Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission to make investigations to determine how game and fish may be conserved in those portions of this State to which this Act applies. Any regulations provided shall be filed in the office of the County Clerk in the Counties of Henderson and Navarro and a copy of said regulations filed with the Secretary of State and a copy of said regulations shall be published in one issue of a newspaper regularly published in each of the Counties of Henderson and Navarro and such regulations shall become effective ten (10) days after copies of such regulations are published in each newspaper in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Section 5. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed and all laws or parts of laws effecting the taking of game or fish or the manner or means of taking game or fish or in any way pertaining to same, in that portion of this State to which this Act applies, be and the same are hereby specifically repealed in their application to this area, provided that if any portion of this law is held to be unconstitutional, that all laws in effect at this time applying to the areas specified in this Act, shall remain in full force and effect.

The fact that the so called Cut Off of the Trinity River in Henderson and Navarro Counties is an ideal place for fishing and hunting, frequented by many persons who have enjoyed a public right of fishery and hunting in this portion of the river for many years, and the fact that better fishing and hunting may be provided by adequate regulations to the benefit of the people of this State, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days should be suspended, and said rule is hereby suspended, and this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.
COMMITTEE ROOM

Date...... September 14., 1931

Hon. Fred H. Minor,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,

Sir:

We, your Committee on................ Game and Fisheries,

H........ B. No. 27, have had

to whom was referred...... B. No. ........, have had

same under consideration and beg to report back with

recommendation that it do pass, and be............printed.

Chairman.
Amend H.B. 21 by adding the emergency clause.

Signed

[Signature]

CHIEF CLERK
House of Representatives

Mrs. Herman

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By - Towery.  

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Committee Room
Austin, Texas

Hon. Edgar E. Witt
President of the Senate

Sir:

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Have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in lieu of previous printing.

[Signature]
Chairman.

[Signature] Secretary of the Senate.
SEP 15 1931
CONSTITUTIONAL
RULE SUSPENDED
YEAS 76 NAYS 26

SEP 15 1931
READ SECOND
TIME AND
ORDERED ENGROSSED

SEP 15 1931
Read third time
and passed
by following vote yeas 106 nays 0

SEP 15 1931 Sent to Engrossing Clerk

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SEP 14 1931
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AND REFERRED TO COMMIT

SEP 14 1931 Reported favorably

SEP 14 1931 Ordered not printed

SEP 14 1931 Sent to Speaker
IN THE SENATE
SEP 15 1931
Received from the House,
SEP 15 1931
Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.
SEP 17 1931
Reported Favorably
SEP 17 1931
Referred to Committee on State Affairs.
SEP 18 1931
Read 1st time and referred to Committee on Game & Fisheries.
SEP 18 1931
Reported favorably.
SEP 18 1931
Ordered not printed.
SEP 18 1931
Senate Rule requiring Committee reports to lie over one day suspended by vote.
SEP 18 1931
Constitutional Rule suspended by four-fifths vote. 28 yeas, 0 nays.
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Read second time, Committee report adopted and passed to third reading.
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9/14/31
Read 1st time and referred to Committee on Game & Fisheries.
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Reported favorably.
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Ordered not printed.
9/14/31
Sent to Speaker.
9/15/31
Constitutional Rule suspended Yeas 78 Nays 36.
9/15/31
Read 2nd time and ordered Engrossed.
9/15/31
Read 3rd time and passed by following vote yeas 106 nays 0.

Louise Snow Phinney
Chief Clerk, H. of R.

9/15/31
Sent to Engrossing Clerk.
9/15/31
Engrossed.

Alice Gilman
Engrossing Clerk.

SEP 15 1931
Returned from Engrossing Clerk
SEP 15 1931
Sent to Senate