

BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center

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DIGEST

Currently, the coastal management plan, used for coastal management purposes, is interpreted to include areas in Liberty County. This was not intended, and Liberty County has asked to be removed from the plan. This bill will change the definition of "coastal wetlands" for purposes of the coastal management program administered by the Coastal Coordination Council to exclude areas in Liberty County.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1922 changes the definition of "coastal wetlands" for purposes of the coastal management program administered by the Coastal Coordination Council to exclude areas in Liberty County.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 33.203(7), Natural Resources Code, to redefine "coastal wetlands" to mean wetlands located, among others, within rivers and streams, to the extent of tidal influence, as shown on the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's stream segment map, excluding the portion of the Trinity River located in Liberty County. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.