

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, the south bank of the Red River constitutes the boundary between Texas and Oklahoma. However, the south bank is not a permanent location because the river is constantly changing its course and these occurrences raise certain concerns with respect to the correct location of the boundary.

The Texas Red River Boundary Commission is charged with conferring and acting in conjunction with representatives from Oklahoma to establish a permanent boundary between the two states with respect to the Red River. The term of the commission is set to expire on June 30, 1998. S.C.R. 32 extends the term of the Texas Red River Boundary Commission to June 30, 2000.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.C.R. 32 submits the following resolutions:

To extend the term of the Red River Boundary Commission (commission) to June 30, 2000. Requires commission members, not to exceed 17 in number, to be appointed by the governor and to be representative of private property owners, local government elected officials, mineral interests, and the general public. Requires the members to serve without compensation except for reasonable travel reimbursement. Requires the staffing for the commission to be provided by the General Land Office, the Office of the Attorney General, and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Requires a chairman to be appointed by the governor.

Provides that it shall be the duty of the commission to confer and act in conjunction with the representatives appointed on behalf of the State of Oklahoma for certain purposes.

Requires the commission to terminate on June 30, 2000.

Provides that the legislature respectfully request the president and the Congress of the United States to meet and confer with the commission and the representatives of the State of Oklahoma and to assist in carrying out the purposes of this resolution.

Provides that the governor of the State of Texas be empowered and requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the governor of the State of Oklahoma and to request that the governor or legislature of that state appoint representatives of the State of Oklahoma to confer and act in conjunction with the commission for the purposes above specified, with the understanding that each state pay all expenses of its representatives.

Provides that the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, the speaker of the house of representatives and president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to all members of the Texas delegation to the congress with the request that it be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.