

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) maintains numerous advisory committees that provide guidance and input on different issues under the jurisdiction of TPWD. These committees are authorized and managed in different ways, as directed by statute. This bill would authorize the chairman of the Parks and Wildlife Commission (commission) to appoint and manage the committees to advise the commission under its jurisdiction, and repeal statutory requirements for specified committees and boards.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2272 authorizes the chairman of the Parks and Wildlife Commission (commission) to appoint and manage the committees to advise the commission under its jurisdiction, and repeals statutory requirements for specified committees and boards.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is granted to the chairman of the Parks and Wildlife Commission in SECTION 1 (Section 11.0162, Parks and Wildlife Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 11B, Parks and Wildlife Code, by adding Section 11.0162, as follows:

Sec. 11.0162. ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO COMMISSION. Authorizes the chairman of the Parks and Wildlife Commission to appoint committees to advise the Parks and Wildlife Commission (commission) on issues under its jurisdiction. Authorizes the chairman to adopt rules that set the membership, terms of service, qualifications, operating procedures, and other standards to ensure the effectiveness of an advisory committee appointed under this section.

SECTION 2. Repealers:

Sections 22.002 (Fannin State Park Advisory Committee), 22.003 (Meetings), 22.004 (Powers of Advisory Commission), and 22.005 (Data), Parks and Wildlife Code.

Sections 22.012 (San Jacinto Historical Advisory Board), 22.013 (Meetings), 22.014 (Powers of the Board), and 22.015 (Data), Parks and Wildlife Code.

Sections 22.262 (Battleship "Texas" Advisory Board), 22.263 (Meetings), and 22.264 (Functions), Parks and Wildlife Code.

Section 28.003, Parks and Wildlife Code (Advisory Council).

Section 49.016, Parks and Wildlife Code (Advisory Board).

Section 89.021(d), Parks and Wildlife Code (State Artificial Reef Plan).

SECTION 3. Amends Section 22.013, Parks and Wildlife Code, to require the San Jacinto Historical Advisory Board (board) to prepare minutes for all board meetings and deliver them to the commission. Requires the board to deliver the board's bylaws and any changes made to the bylaws to the commission. Requires any minutes or bylaws delivered to the commission to be delivered by the member of the board who is an employee of the department.

SECTION 4. (a) Effective date: September 1, 1999.

(b) Provides that the expiration of the term of a member of an advisory committee, commission, or board created under sections of the Parks and Wildlife Code repealed by SECTION 2 of this Act, who is serving on August 31, 1999, expires September 1, 1999.

(c) Provides that any bequest, gift, or grant of money accepted by the Fannin State Park Advisory Commission sections of the Parks and Wildlife Code repealed by this Act, that is held by the advisory commission on August 31, 1999, be transferred to TPWD. Requires TPWD to retain all data collected and requires TPWD to use it to depict the story of Texas history and independence at the battleground.

SECTION 5. Emergency clause.