

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 2296
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Research Analysis

HB 2296, as introduced, re-creates the Red River Boundary Commission. The commission is directed to confer and act in conjunction with representatives from Texas to:

- Evaluate the methods, surveys, historical maps and other information used to establish the Texas boundary in the Texoma area;
- Determine the location of the south bank of the Red River as located and marked by the US Army Corps of Engineers before construction of Lake Texoma; and
- Redraw the boundary with Texas on any real property for which the Army Corps of Engineers was granted an easement for construction and operation of a water pipeline in the Texoma area, so as to ensure there is no net loss of property between either state and that the redrawn boundary does not increase the power or influence of either state.

The commission is required to report findings and recommendations no later than January 15, 2022, and issue a final report no later than January 30, 2025.

Prepared By: Sean Webster

Fiscal Analysis

HB 2296 in its current form recreates the Red River Boundary Commission and provides for its membership to include officials from the Office of the Governor, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the Office of the Attorney General, State Senate, and the House of Representatives. The measure provides for travel reimbursement from employing agencies. For this reason the Office of the Governor, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the Office of the Attorney General, the State Senate, and the House of Representatives will experience increased costs as a result of the provisions of HB 2296. Such costs are expected to be minimal and absorbed through each agencies' existing budget.

The measure also requires staffing of the Commission by the Legislative Services Bureau (LSB). LSB does not currently employ individuals that can perform such functions, for this reason the hiring of one FTE would be needed to provide such staffing. The cost of salary and related benefits for such FTE is estimated to be approximately \$75,000 per year.

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Other Considerations

None.

