

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

CS/HB 441 — Conservation Lands

by Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee and Reps. Kendall, Tant, and others (CS/SB 546 by Environment and Natural Resources Committee and Senators Mayfield and Harrell)

The bill requires the Division of State Lands and water management districts to publish certain information at least 30 days before any meeting to review the proposed sale or exchange of conservation lands. Such information includes:

- The parcels proposed for sale or exchange;
- The portions of the lands which will be preserved in a permanent conservation easement;
- A statement explaining why the lands are no longer needed for conservation purposes or how the exchange will result in a conservation benefit to the state; and
- Any applicable recommendations.

The bill also provides that, for exchanges involving state-owned lands, each parcel must have at least one appraisal that follows board-approved appraisal criteria, techniques, and methods.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 109-0