

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, there is no time limit on fundraising and installation for monuments on the Capitol grounds. There are concerns that limited space on the Capitol grounds may disqualify worthwhile proposals by groups that cannot raise the required funds in a timely manner. This bill imposes a four-year time limit for fundraising and installation for new monuments on the Capitol grounds.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 3517 sets forth provisions regarding the approval of monuments on the grounds of the State Capitol.

### **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 Chapter 443, Government Code, by adding Section 443.015, as follows:

Sec. 443. 015. CAPITOL GROUNDS MONUMENTS. Prohibits the State Preservation Board (board) from approving the installation of a permanent monument on the grounds of the Capitol under the jurisdiction of the board, and erection or construction of an approved monument may not begin, unless certain conditions are satisfied. Provides that installation by a certain date is a condition of the board's approval, and if installation is not completed by that date the board's approval of the monument is considered withdrawn and the monument may not be installed. Defines "monument."

SECTION 2. Provides that this Act applies to monuments approved by the board before the effective date of this Act. Requires the installation of a monument approved by the board to be completed not later than the fourth anniversary of the effective date of this Act or the board's approval of the monument is considered withdrawn and the monument may not be installed.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.