BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

S.B. 137 calls for transferring jurisdiction over the San Jacinto Battleground and Battleship Texas from the Parks and Wildlife Department to the Texas Historical Commission.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Historical Commission in SECTION 3 of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 22.011 – 22.016 (relating to the San Jacinto Historical Advisory Board) and Section 22.261 (Jurisdiction), Parks and Wildlife Code, to redesignate them as Sections 442.017 – 442.023, Government Code.

Section 442.017. New heading: SAN JACINTO BATTLEGROUND. Changes reference of department to commission.

Section 442.018. SAN JACINTO HISTORICAL ADVISORY BOARD. Changes reference from Battleship Texas Commission to Texas Historical Commission. Makes a conforming change.

Section 442.019. New heading: MEETINGS OF SAN JACINTO HISTORICAL ADVISORY BOARD. Deletes language relating to delivery of minutes or bylaws to the commission by the member of the board who is an employee of the department. Makes conforming changes.

Section 442.020. New heading: POWERS OF SAN JACINTO HISTORICAL ADVISORY BOARD. Makes a conforming change.

Section 442.021. New heading: DATA COLLECTED BY SAN JACINTO HISTORICAL ADVISORY BOARD. Makes a conforming change.

Section 442.023. New heading: BATTLESHIP "TEXAS". Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Repealer: headings to Chapter 22B (San Jacinto Battleground) and Chapter 22T (Battleship "Texas"), Parks and Wildlife Code.

SECTION 3. (a) Sets forth that on September 1, 2001 the following are transferred to the Texas Historical Commission:

(1) all powers, duties, obligations, and liabilities of the Parks and Wildlife Department (department) relating to the San Jacinto Battleground (battleground) and the Battleship "Texas" (battleship);

(2) all unobligated and unexpended funds appropriated to the department designated for

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the administration of the battleground or battleship;

(3) all equipment and property of the department used for the administration of or related to the battleground or battleship; and

(4) all files and other records of the department kept regarding the battleground or battleship.

(b) Provides that a rule adopted by the department that is in effect immediately before September 1, 2001, and that relates to the battleground or battleship is, on September 1, 2001, a rule of the Texas Historical Commission and remains in effect until amended or repealed by the Texas Historical Commission.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2001.