

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

The existence of the San Jacinto Historical Advisory Board was reaffirmed by the legislature in 1999. The advisory board has rendered services far beyond its official advisory function. Examples include the board coordinating the annual San Jacinto Day ceremony at the state park recently attended by over 15,000 people, and an annual academic symposium on the Battle of San Jacinto. H.B. 1764 provides for revisions, clarifications and reaffirmations of the current activities of the advisory board to the statute.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 22.012, 22.013, and 22.014, Parks and Wildlife Code, as follows:

Sec. 22.012. New heading: SAN JACINTO BATTLEGROUND HISTORICAL ADVISORY BOARD. (a) Provides that the San Jacinto Battleground Advisory Board (advisory board) is composed of certain individuals.

(b) Provides that the three members of the public are appointed by the governor for staggered terms of six years each, with the term of one member expiring September 1 of each odd-numbered year. Requires the members appointed by the governor to include individuals who are knowledgeable about the history of this state and have demonstrated an interest in the historical preservation of the battleground.

(c) Authorizes one or more of the three public members of the advisory board, rather than public, to be selected from the San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

(d) Requires the advisory board to annually elect from its members a presiding officer, a vice presiding officer, and a secretary.

(e) Provides that each state senator or state representative whose district includes the battleground is a nonvoting ex officio advisory board member.

(f) Provides that it is a ground for removal of a public member from the advisory board if the member is absent for three regularly scheduled advisory board meetings during a calendar year without an excuse approved by a majority of the advisory board.

(g) Requires the governor, if a public member's position on the advisory board becomes vacant, to appoint another public member to fill the remaining term of the vacated position as soon as practicable.

Sec. 22.013. New heading: MEETINGS; BYLAWS. (a) Makes a conforming change.

(b) Requires the advisory board to take certain actions.

(c) Authorizes the bylaws to provide for additional nonvoting ex officio members.

(d) Requires the secretary of the advisory board, after approval by the advisory board, to deliver the advisory board's bylaws, any changes made to the bylaws, and the minutes of each meeting to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission. Deletes existing language relating to requiring the minutes to be delivered by the member of the advisory board who is an employee of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD).

(e) Requires TPWD and advisory board members to be given timely notice of each board meeting.

Sec. 22.014. POWERS OF THE BOARD. Authorizes the advisory board to take certain actions. Deletes existing text relating to authorizing the advisory board to accept certain money and property.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2003.