

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Section 504.635 (El Paso Mission Valley License Plates) of the Transportation Code was added in 2004 to create the El Paso Mission Valley specialty license plate as a mechanism for raising funds for the preservation and rehabilitation of the Socorro Mission.

There are three historic missions on El Paso's Mission Trail: Socorro, Ysleta, and San Elizario. By statute, the Texas Historical Commission can currently only grant funds raised through the sale of El Paso Mission specialty license plates to the Socorro Mission.

H.B. 1347 amends the Transportation Code to allow funds collected through the sale of El Paso Mission specialty license plates to be distributed to the Socorro, Ysleta, and San Elizario Missions.

H.B. 1347 amends current law relating to the use of El Paso Mission Valley specialty license plate fees for the preservation and rehabilitation of the Socorro, San Elizario, and Ysleta Missions.

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 Section 504.635(b), Transportation Code, to authorize that money in the El Paso Mission Restoration account in the state treasury be used only by the Texas Historical Commission in making grants to be used for the purpose of the preservation and rehabilitation of the Socorro, San Elizario, and Ysleta Missions, rather than in making grants to the Socorro Mission Restoration Effort to be used for the purpose of the preservation and rehabilitation of the Socorro Mission.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2013.