

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 770
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The purpose of C.S.S.B. 770 is to maintain Texas citizens' faith in their state government by eliminating any impropriety or appearance of impropriety when public property is named.

C.S.S.B. 770 prohibits the naming of state property or property of any political subdivision of the state after an elected official or a former elected official before the fifth anniversary of the date the elected official or former elected official last held elective office.

This bill is not retroactive; any state property named before its implementation may keep that name.

C.S.S.B. 770 amends current law relating to a prohibition against naming public property after certain elected officials and former elected officials.

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 2165.005(b) and (d), Government Code, as follows:

(b) Requires the Texas Facilities Commission (TFC), subject to Section 2204.752, to submit names proposed for a new state building to be used as a state or regional headquarters by a state agency, or proposals to rename an existing state building which is used as a state or regional headquarters by a state agency, to the presiding officers of the house of representatives and the senate.

(d) Requires TFC, subject to Section 2204.752, to submit names proposed for a state building which will be used as a local headquarters by a state agency to the presiding officers of the house of representatives and the senate and the members of each body in whose district the building is located.

SECTION 2. Amends the heading to Chapter 2204, Government Code, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2204. ACQUISITION AND NAMING OF LAND OR PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE

SECTION 3. Amends Chapter 2204, Government Code, by adding Subchapter I, as follows:

SUBCHAPTER I. NAMING OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Sec. 2204.751. DEFINITION. Defines "public property" in this subchapter.

Sec. 2204.752. PROHIBITED PRACTICE. Prohibits public property, or any part of public property, notwithstanding any other law, from being named after an elected

official or a former elected official before the fifth anniversary of the date the elected official or former elected official last held elective office.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2013.