

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Interested parties note that state law does not expressly allow for a non-historic area within a historic site to be named after a donor or other benefactor. The parties contend that such naming should be allowed in certain cases. H.B. 2332 seeks to address this issue.

H.B. 2332 amends current law relating to the naming by the Texas Historical Commission of certain areas without historical value that are on historic sites.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Historical Commission in SECTION 1 (Section 442.030, Government Code) of this bill.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter A, Chapter 442, Government Code, by adding Section 442.030, as follows:

Sec. 442.030. NAMING OF CERTAIN AREAS ON HISTORIC SITES. Authorizes the Texas Historical Commission (THC) to name an area of a historic site, including a room or exhibition hall, in honor of a donor or other benefactor as THC considers appropriate, provided the area does not have historical value. Requires THC to adopt rules to implement this section.

SECTION 2. Requires THC to adopt rules necessary to implement Section 442.030, Government Code, as added by this Act, as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2015.