

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 3706
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 3706 corrects and expands the list of Texas Historical Commission (THC) state historic sites in Section 442.072, Government Code. A revised list will reflect historic sites recently transferred, acquired, or created by acts of the legislature or THC. Sites mentioned in current law are added to the numerical list to ensure sporting goods sales tax eligibility.

H.B. 3706 amends current law relating to the state historic sites and parks under the jurisdiction of the Texas Historical Commission.

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 442.072(a), Government Code, as follows:

(a) Provides that certain historic sites and parks are under the jurisdiction of the Texas Historical Commission (THC), including Caddo Mounds State Historic Site, French Legation State Historic Site, Goodnight Ranch State Historic Site, Old Socorro Mission State Historic Site, Palmito Ranch Battlefield State Historic Site, Port Isabel Lighthouse State Historic Site, and San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site. Deletes existing text referring to the Caddoan Mounds State Historic Site and the property known as the French Legation as under the jurisdiction of THC. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Amends the heading to Section 442.076, Government Code, to read as follows:

Sec. 442.076. FRENCH LEGATION STATE HISTORIC SITE.

SECTION 3. Amends Sections 442.076(a) and (b), Government Code, as follows:

(a) Provides that THC is responsible for the preservation, maintenance, and restoration of the French Legation State Historic Site and the protection of the historical and architectural integrity of the building exterior, building interior, and grounds of the French Legation State Historic Site. Deletes existing text providing that THC is responsible for the preservation, maintenance, and restoration of the property known as the French Legation and its contents.

(b) Provides that any power or duty related to the French Legation State Historic Site formerly vested in another state agency or entity is vested solely in THC.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 442.077, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 442.077. New heading: AGREEMENT RELATING TO FRENCH LEGATION STATE HISTORIC SITE. Makes a conforming change to this section.

SECTION 5. Amends the heading to Subchapter G, Chapter 442, Government Code, to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER G. PORT ISABEL LIGHTHOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE

SECTION 6. Amends Section 442.271, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 442.271. JURISDICTION. (a) Provides that the Port Isabel Lighthouse State Historic Site is a state historical monument and park and is under the jurisdiction of THC.

(b) Provides that the Port Isabel Lighthouse State Historic Site, rather than the Port Isabel Lighthouse State Historical Monument and Park, is a historic site for purposes of Subchapter C (Certain Historic Sites).

SECTION 7. Effective date: September 1, 2021.