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H.B. No. 2968

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the preservation of the Alamo complex and surrounding
3 area and to the Alamo Preservation Advisory Board.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 31, Natural Resources
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 31.450 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 31.450. FINDINGS; MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. (a)
8 The legislature finds that:

9 (1) the Alamo has played an important role in the
10 history of this state and continues to be a symbol of liberty and
11 freedom for this state;

12 (2) this state wants to honor the individuals whose
13 lives were lost at the Alamo;

14 (3) the entire history of the Alamo, from the time the
15 Alamo was established as a mission until the present, should be
16 recognized; and

17 (4) the Alamo is a world-class destination that
18 provides a place of remembrance and education.

19 (b) The land office shall enter into a memorandum of
20 understanding with the City of San Antonio to coordinate the
21 planning and development of improvements to the Alamo complex and
22 the area immediately surrounding the complex.

23 SECTION 2. Sections 31.455(a) and (b), Natural Resources
24 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1 (a) The land office may establish an Alamo Preservation
2 Advisory Board to provide advice, proposals, and recommendations
3 to:

4 (1) promote the development of a world-class site to
5 educate visitors on the history and importance of the Alamo in this
6 state's fight for independence and to honor the people who lost
7 their lives at the Alamo;

8 (2) promote and support the Alamo complex;

9 (3) [~~2~~] provide the resources and support necessary
10 to advance the understanding and education of current and future
11 generations on the historical significance and factual record of
12 the Alamo complex;

13 (4) [~~3~~] inspire virtues of honor and Texas pride;

14 (5) [~~4~~] preserve the memory and achievement of
15 individuals who served at the Alamo and provide a fitting tribute to
16 the heroism of the people who paid the ultimate sacrifice for
17 freedom and of the noble men and women of this state who have served
18 in the armed forces or died while serving in the armed forces to
19 ensure the freedom of the people of this state;

20 (6) provide educational and museum facilities [~~5~~]
21 ~~promote and provide~~ for the preservation, perpetuation,
22 appropriate publication, and display of manuscripts, books,
23 relics, pictures, oral histories, and all other items and
24 information related to the history of the Alamo complex and of this
25 state that preserve the historical character of the Alamo shrine;
26 and

27 (7) [~~6~~] promote, counsel, and provide support to

1 governmental and private organizations that are committed to
2 objectives similar to the objectives described in this subsection.

3 (b) The advisory board is composed of:

4 (1) the commissioner or the commissioner's designee,
5 who serves as the presiding officer of the advisory board;

6 (2) a designee appointed by the governor;

7 (3) a designee appointed by the commissioner [~~the~~
8 ~~president general of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas~~];

9 (4) a representative of the Alamo Endowment, appointed
10 by the commissioner [~~the current Alamo chairperson of the Daughters~~
11 ~~of the Republic of Texas~~];

12 (5) the director of the Alamo [~~immediate past Alamo~~
13 ~~chairperson of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas~~];

14 (6) the Alamo curator;

15 (7) one representative of the Texas Historical
16 Commission;

17 (8) a designee appointed by the county judge of [~~the~~
18 ~~president of the~~] Bexar County [~~Historical Commission~~]; and

19 (9) a designee appointed by the mayor [~~one~~
20 ~~representative who serves as a member~~] of the City of San Antonio
21 [~~Office of Historic Preservation~~].

22 SECTION 3. (a) The term of a member serving on the Alamo
23 Preservation Advisory Board immediately before the effective date
24 of this Act whose position on the board is abolished by the changes
25 in law made by this Act expires on the effective date of this Act.

26 (b) As soon as practicable after the effective date of this
27 Act, each appointing official shall appoint members to the Alamo

1 Preservation Advisory Board as required by Section 31.455, Natural
2 Resources Code, as amended by this Act.

3 (c) As soon as practicable after the effective date of this
4 Act, the General Land Office shall enter into a memorandum of
5 understanding with the City of San Antonio as required by Section
6 31.450(b), Natural Resources Code, as added by this Act.

7 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.