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H. B. No. 2968

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the Alamo preservation fund and the establishment of an
3 Alamo preservation fund advisory committee.

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 Sections 31.4545 and 31.4546 to read as
7 follows:

8 Sec. 31.4545. ALAMO PRESERVATION FUND. (a) The Alamo
9 preservation fund is a special fund in the state treasury outside
10 the general revenue fund as established by Section 49-q, Article
11 III, Texas Constitution.

12 (b) The land office shall manage the Alamo preservation fund
13 and may accept a gift, grant, or donation of money, securities,
14 services, or property to restore, preserve, maintain, operate, and
15 develop the Alamo complex.

16 (c) The land office may spend money from the Alamo
17 preservation fund only for the restoration, preservation,
18 maintenance, operation, or development of the Alamo complex and
19 only in amounts that are less than or equal to the amounts received
20 by the land office from federal, local, or private sources, which
21 the land office may spend for the same purposes.

22 (d) The land office shall retain not less than \$25 million
23 in an account in the Alamo preservation fund to be known as the
24 Alamo operation and maintenance trust account. The land office may

1 spend the interest and other earnings from the trust account for the
2 operation, maintenance, and improvement of the Alamo complex.

3 Sec. 31.4546. ALAMO PRESERVATION FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
4 (a) The Alamo preservation fund advisory committee is established
5 to advise the land office on expenditures of money from the Alamo
6 preservation fund. The advisory committee consists of 15 members
7 appointed as follows:

8 (1) three members appointed by the governor;
9 (2) three members appointed by the lieutenant
10 governor;
11 (3) three members appointed by the speaker of the
12 house of representatives;

13 (4) three members appointed by the commissioner of the
14 land office;
15 (5) two members appointed by the San Antonio City
16 Council; and
17 (6) one member appointed by the Bexar County
18 Commissioners Court.

19 (b) Members of the advisory committee serve staggered
20 three-year terms with the terms of five members expiring January 1
21 of each year.

22 (c) The commissioner of the land office shall appoint a
23 member to serve as presiding officer of the advisory committee.

24 (d) The advisory committee shall make recommendations to
25 the land office on the best use of money in the Alamo preservation
26 fund to create a world-class site to educate visitors on the history
27 and importance of the Alamo in this state's fight for independence,

1 to honor the people who lost their lives at the Alamo, and to
2 develop the complex and surrounding grounds, including providing
3 education and museum facilities, financing studies and planning,
4 providing architectural services, acquiring land or buildings, and
5 constructing facilities.

6 (e) Chapter 2110, Government Code, does not apply to the
7 advisory committee.

8 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2016, as required by
9 Section 31.4546, Natural Resources Code, as added by this Act:

10 (1) the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the
11 house of representatives, and the commissioner of the General Land
12 Office shall each appoint three members to the Alamo preservation
13 fund advisory committee and each designate one of their appointed
14 members to a term expiring January 1, 2017, one to a term expiring
15 January 1, 2018, and one to a term expiring January 1, 2019;

16 (2) the San Antonio City Council shall appoint two
17 members to the Alamo preservation fund advisory committee and
18 designate one member to a term expiring January 1, 2017, and one to
19 a term expiring January 1, 2018; and

20 (3) the Bexar County Commissioners Court shall appoint
21 one member to the Alamo preservation fund advisory committee to a
22 term expiring January 1, 2019.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect December 1, 2015, but only
24 if the constitutional amendment to establish the Alamo preservation
25 fund and make a one-time transfer of money from the economic
26 stabilization fund to the Alamo preservation fund is approved by
27 the voters. If that amendment is not approved by the voters, this

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1 Act has no effect.