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H.B. No. 2968

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 31, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Sections 31.4545 and 31.4546 to read as follows:

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

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

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

(d) The land office shall retain not less than \$25 million in an account in the Alamo preservation fund to be known as the 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

1 Act has no effect.