

House Bill 2968
Senate Amendments
Section-by-Section Analysis

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

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(b) The advisory board is composed of:

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

(2) a designee appointed by the governor;

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

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

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

(6) the Alamo curator;

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- (7) one representative of the Texas Historical Commission;
- (8) a designee appointed by the county judge of ~~[the president of the]~~ Bexar County ~~[Historical Commission]~~; and
- (9) a designee appointed by the mayor ~~[one representative who serves as a member]~~ of the City of San Antonio ~~[Office of Historic Preservation]~~.

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

(b) As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, each appointing official shall appoint members to the Alamo Preservation Advisory Board as required by Section 31.455, Natural Resources Code, as amended by this Act.

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

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

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~~No equivalent provision.~~

SECTION 3. Same as House version.

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