

1-1 By: Kolkhorst S.B. No. 2309  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2019; March 21, 2019, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources &  
 1-4 Economic Development; April 8, 2019, reported favorably by the  
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 8, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the transfer of jurisdiction over and management of the  
 1-22 Star of the Republic Museum to the Texas Historical Commission.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Chapter 442, Government Code, is amended by  
 1-25 adding Subchapter B-1 to read as follows:

1-26 SUBCHAPTER B-1. STAR OF THE REPUBLIC MUSEUM

1-27 Sec. 442.061. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "museum"  
 1-28 means the Star of the Republic Museum.

1-29 Sec. 442.062. JURISDICTION AND MAINTENANCE OF MUSEUM. (a)  
 1-30 The museum and its contents are under the jurisdiction of the  
 1-31 commission. The commission is responsible for the preservation,  
 1-32 maintenance, and operation of the museum.

1-33 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), Blinn College District  
 1-34 maintains ownership of the museum, the land on which the museum is  
 1-35 located, and the artifacts in the museum.

1-36 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (b), any power or duty  
 1-37 related to the museum formerly vested in any other state agency or  
 1-38 entity is vested solely in the commission.

1-39 (d) The commission shall, in coordination with an advisory  
 1-40 committee appointed by the board of trustees of the Blinn College  
 1-41 District, promote the educational and public awareness programs at  
 1-42 the museum, the Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site, and  
 1-43 the Barrington Living History Farm.

1-44 Sec. 442.063. GRANTS; DONATIONS. The commission may accept  
 1-45 a grant or donation for any program or purpose of the museum.

1-46 SECTION 2. (a) On January 1, 2020, the following are  
 1-47 transferred to the Texas Historical Commission:

1-48 (1) all powers and duties of Blinn College District  
 1-49 relating to the Star of the Republic Museum;

1-50 (2) all unobligated and unexpended funds  
 1-51 appropriated, donated, or contributed to Blinn College District  
 1-52 designated for the administration of any part of the Star of the  
 1-53 Republic Museum; and

1-54 (3) all files and other records of Blinn College  
 1-55 District kept by Blinn College District regarding the Star of the  
 1-56 Republic Museum.

1-57 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, Blinn College District  
 1-58 shall continue to perform functions and activities related to the  
 1-59 Star of the Republic Museum until January 1, 2020, and the former  
 1-60 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-61 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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