

1-1 By: West, Creighton S.B. No. 553  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 23, 2023; February 17, 2023,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;  
 1-4 April 6, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; April 6, 2023,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
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1-17	X			
1-18	X			
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1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 553 By: Menéndez

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to dedication ceremonies for new state buildings.  
 1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
 1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 2166, Government Code, is  
 1-26 amended by adding Section 2166.0611 to read as follows:  
 1-27 Sec. 2166.0611. BUILDING DEDICATION CEREMONY. (a) The  
 1-28 commission may hold a ceremony to dedicate a new state building.  
 1-29 (b) Subject to Subsection (c), the commission may use  
 1-30 available appropriated money or donated money to pay for the  
 1-31 ceremony.  
 1-32 (c) Notwithstanding any other law, the commission may use  
 1-33 not more than \$10,000 of appropriated money to purchase food,  
 1-34 nonalcoholic beverages, flowers, decorations, and other items  
 1-35 appropriate for the ceremony that the commission would otherwise be  
 1-36 prohibited from purchasing.  
 1-37 (d) The commission may accept gifts, grants, or donations  
 1-38 from any source for the purposes of this section.  
 1-39 (e) This section does not authorize the commission to  
 1-40 purchase alcoholic beverages.  
 1-41 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-42 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-43 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-44 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-45 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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