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 1-4 Economic Development; April 21, 2021, reported favorably by the
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1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site;
 1-20 authorizing fees.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 442.252, Government Code, is amended to
 1-23 read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 442.252. SAN JACINTO MUSEUM AND BATTLEFIELD [~~OF~~
 1-25 ~~HISTORY~~] ASSOCIATION. (a) In this section, "association" means
 1-26 the [~~The~~] San Jacinto Museum and Battlefield [~~of History~~]
 1-27 Association, which was previously known as the San Jacinto Museum
 1-28 of History Association.

1-29 (b) The association is a nonprofit historical association
 1-30 organized for the purposes of operating the San Jacinto Memorial
 1-31 Building and Tower and establishing a museum. The association[~~r~~]
 1-32 retains ownership of property and historical data held in the name
 1-33 of the association and may acquire museum accessions by gift,
 1-34 grant, or purchase from association funds.

1-35 (c) The commission shall designate the association as the
 1-36 entity responsible for operating the San Jacinto Memorial Building
 1-37 and Tower, operating the museum, engaging in related activities on
 1-38 the battleground at the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic
 1-39 Site, and providing financial support for the association's
 1-40 responsibilities under this section. The commission is responsible
 1-41 for maintaining and repairing the San Jacinto Memorial Building and
 1-42 Tower and providing utilities required for operation of the San
 1-43 Jacinto Memorial Building and Tower and related facilities.

1-44 (d) The commission may enter into an agreement with the
 1-45 association for the purposes of:

1-46 (1) expanding, renovating, managing, maintaining,
 1-47 operating, or providing financial support for the San Jacinto
 1-48 Battleground State Historic Site, including the administration and
 1-49 operation of a history museum and related activities in the San
 1-50 Jacinto Memorial Building and Tower or on the battleground;

1-51 (2) maintaining, preserving, restoring, and
 1-52 protecting the historic San Jacinto battleground;

1-53 (3) promoting and conducting archeological studies at
 1-54 the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site;

1-55 (4) maintaining, repairing, renovating, restoring,
 1-56 improving, expanding, or equipping the San Jacinto Memorial
 1-57 Building and Tower, museum, or battleground for one or more
 1-58 projects, including construction of new or additional facilities;

1-59 (5) designing and fabricating exhibits and
 1-60 preserving, storing, and displaying artifacts, historical data,
 1-61 and items of historical significance, including artifacts, data,

2-1 and items owned or held by the association;
 2-2 (6) creating interpretive and educational programs;
 2-3 (7) acquiring additional artifacts, historical data,
 2-4 and items of historical significance relevant to the battle at San
 2-5 Jacinto, the Texas Revolution and the period in which it occurred,
 2-6 and early Texas settlement and culture; and
 2-7 (8) preserving, restoring, storing, and conserving
 2-8 artifacts, historical data, and items of historical significance.

2-9 (e) Under the terms of an agreement with the commission, the
 2-10 association may, in connection with the association's activities
 2-11 regarding the San Jacinto Memorial Building and Tower, the museum,
 2-12 and the San Jacinto Battleground, charge and collect fees,
 2-13 including entry fees and fees for viewing exhibits or films,
 2-14 attending programs or events, and utilizing the elevator or other
 2-15 facilities, and collect revenue from gift shop and concession
 2-16 sales. The association shall hold, invest, manage, use, and apply
 2-17 money received from those fees and sales for the benefit of the San
 2-18 Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site, and may exercise
 2-19 discretion, subject to the terms of the association's agreement
 2-20 with the commission, regarding business operations, exhibits,
 2-21 programming, collection management, preservation, restoration and
 2-22 storage, and site development at the San Jacinto Battleground State
 2-23 Historic Site.

2-24 (f) The commission may appoint two nonvoting members to the
 2-25 association's board of trustees. The commission may advise the
 2-26 association on museum operations, interpretation, history,
 2-27 preservation, archeology, education, nature, philanthropy, and
 2-28 business development.

2-29 (g) In the event of the association's dissolution, the
 2-30 commission is the sole beneficiary of all items held in the
 2-31 association's name that relate to the revolutionary and battle
 2-32 history of the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site and to
 2-33 early Texas settlement and culture, except as otherwise provided by
 2-34 the association's articles of incorporation or the terms of the
 2-35 gift or other transfer of the items to the association. The items
 2-36 for which the commission is not the sole beneficiary must be clearly
 2-37 identified and described on an agreed list prepared jointly by the
 2-38 commission and the association.

2-39 (h) The commission may adopt rules to establish:
 2-40 (1) guidelines under which the association may solicit
 2-41 and accept sponsorships or donations from private entities in
 2-42 connection with the association's activities at the San Jacinto
 2-43 Battleground State Historic Site; and
 2-44 (2) best practices under which the association may
 2-45 engage in activities described by this section, including
 2-46 procurement guidelines for the use of state funds.

2-47 SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 442, Government Code, is
 2-48 amended by adding Section 442.253 to read as follows:

2-49 Sec. 442.253. EXECUTIVE MANAGER; OTHER EMPLOYEES. (a) The
 2-50 commission may employ an executive manager to manage the business
 2-51 operations and direct staff at the San Jacinto Battleground State
 2-52 Historic Site.

2-53 (b) The executive manager is responsible for managing the
 2-54 business operations of the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic
 2-55 Site on behalf of the commission and the San Jacinto Museum and
 2-56 Battlefield Association. The executive manager's duties as they
 2-57 relate to the commission and the association must be specified in an
 2-58 agreement between the commission and the association.

2-59 (c) The commission may hire employees the commission
 2-60 determines are necessary to fulfill the commission's duties and
 2-61 responsibilities related to the San Jacinto Battleground State
 2-62 Historic Site. The employees report to the executive manager.

2-63 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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