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H.B. No. 738

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creation by the Texas Historical Commission of a program to identify and restore Rosenwald Schools structures.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 442, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 442.034 to read as follows:

Sec. 442.034. ROSENWALD SCHOOLS STRUCTURES PROGRAM. (a)

The commission shall establish a program to:

(1) identify, renovate, restore, maintain, and preserve Rosenwald Schools structures, and their contents, located in this state; and

(2) protect the historical and architectural integrity of the exterior, interior, and grounds of the Rosenwald Schools structures.

(b) The commission may, as part of the program, acquire property containing a Rosenwald School structure.

(c) A Rosenwald School structure restored, repaired, or renovated under the program may be used as a community learning center.

(d) The commission may accept gifts, grants, and in-kind donations from public and private entities to implement the program. The legislature may appropriate money to the commission to implement the program.

(e) The commission may adopt rules reasonably necessary to

1 implement the program.

2 SECTION 2. The Texas Historical Commission shall first
3 implement the program established by Section 442.034, Government
4 Code, as added by this Act, in the south central region of this
5 state.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.