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H.B. No. 5616

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Texas presidential library promotion program and fund.

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

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

SUBCHAPTER H. TEXAS PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY PROMOTION PROGRAM AND FUND

Sec. 442.301. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Fund" means the Texas presidential library promotion fund.

(2) "Commission" means the Texas Historical Commission.

(2) "Program" means the Texas presidential library promotion program, administered by the Commission.

Sec. 481.702. TEXAS PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY PROMOTION PROGRAM. (a) The Commission shall establish the Texas presidential library promotion program to:

(1) recognize that the presidential libraries in this state are vital historical and educational resources that attract visitors from across the country and contribute to this state's cultural and economic landscape; and

(2) provide funding and support to the presidential libraries, promote tourism, and educate the public on the

1 contributions of the presidents from this state.

2 (b) The program is established to support the following
3 presidential libraries in this state:

4 (1) The Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum;

5 (2) The George Bush Presidential Library and Museum;

6 and

7 (3) The George W. Bush Presidential Library and
8 Museum.

9 (c) The program shall:

10 (1) provide financial support to the presidential
11 libraries for the renovation and enhancement of permanent exhibits;

12 (2) market and promote the presidential libraries to
13 increase tourism to and public awareness of the libraries; and

14 (3) in collaboration with the presidential libraries,
15 develop a mobile exhibit to be displayed in communities, schools,
16 and other public institutions that:

17 (A) features for each president significant
18 artifacts, multimedia presentations, and educational materials;
19 and

20 (B) highlights the historical impact and
21 legacies of President Lyndon B. Johnson, President George H. W.
22 Bush, and President George W. Bush.

23 (d) The Commission may enter into a contract with a
24 nonprofit entity for the nonprofit entity to administer and operate
25 the program.

26 Sec. 442.302. TEXAS PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY PROMOTION FUND.

27 (a) The Texas presidential library promotion fund is a dedicated

1 account in the general revenue fund.

2 (b) The following amounts shall be deposited in the fund:

3 (1) money appropriated by the legislature to the fund
4 for the purposes described by this subchapter;

5 (2) interest earned on the investment of money in the
6 fund; and

7 (3) gifts, grants, and other donations received for
8 the fund.

9 (c) Money in the fund may be spent for a purpose described by
10 this subchapter.

11 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
12 of this Act, the Commission shall establish the Texas presidential
13 library promotion program as required by Section 442.301,
14 Government Code, as added by this Act.

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