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S.B. No. 210

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the placement by legislators of certain items outside their offices in the State Capitol.

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

SECTION 1. Section 443.024, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) A state legislator may display the flag of the State of Texas and the flag of the United States immediately outside the legislator's assigned office in the Capitol. The board shall adopt rules to regulate the display of the flags, including requirements for flag display stands and reasonable limitations on the size and placement of the flags.

SECTION 2. Chapter 443, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 443.029 to read as follows:

Sec. 443.029. VISITOR REGISTERS FOR LEGISLATIVE OFFICES. A state legislator may place a visitor register immediately outside the legislator's assigned office in the Capitol. The board, with the advice of the state fire marshal, shall adopt reasonable rules to regulate the placement of the visitor registers and the requirements for register display stands or tables.

SECTION 3. The State Preservation Board shall adopt rules as required by Sections 443.024(e) and 443.029, Government Code, as added by this Act, not later than January 1, 2004.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.