

AN ACT

relating to the maintenance and preservation of historic courthouses.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 442.0081, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 442.0081. HISTORIC COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS [~~PROGRAM~~]; GRANTS AND LOANS.

SECTION 2. Section 442.0081, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g-1) and amending Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(g-1) To help protect courthouses that have benefited from the historic courthouse preservation program, the commission shall develop and implement a maintenance program to assist counties receiving money under the preservation program in continuing to maintain, repair, and preserve the courthouses. The maintenance program may include offering to periodically inspect the courthouses and offering counties technical assistance and information on best practices in maintaining the courthouses.

(h) The commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement the historic courthouse preservation and maintenance programs [~~program~~].

SECTION 3. Sections 442.0083(e) and (f), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

1 (e) A grant for a historic courthouse project may not exceed
2 the greater of \$6 [~~\$4~~] million or two percent of the amount
3 appropriated for implementing the historic courthouse preservation
4 program during the state fiscal biennium.

5 (f) Biennial appropriations to the commission for
6 administering the historic courthouse preservation and maintenance
7 programs [~~program~~] during a state fiscal biennium, including
8 providing oversight for historic courthouse projects, may not
9 exceed 2-1/2 [~~one~~] percent of the amount appropriated for
10 implementing the historic courthouse preservation and maintenance
11 programs [~~program~~] during the state fiscal biennium.

12 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2902 was passed by the House on May 4, 2005, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2902 on May 23, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2902 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 20, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor