

1-1 By: Hilderbran (Senate Sponsor - Fraser) H.B. No. 2902
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2005;
1-3 May 8, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Government Organization; May 19, 2005, reported adversely, with
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-6 Nays 0; May 19, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2902 By: Eltife

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the maintenance and preservation of historic
1-11 courthouses and records.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 442.0081, Government
1-14 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 442.0081. HISTORIC COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION AND
1-16 MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS [~~PROGRAM~~]; GRANTS AND LOANS.

1-17 SECTION 2. Section 442.0081, Government Code, is amended by
1-18 adding Subsection (g-1) and amending Subsection (h) to read as
1-19 follows:

1-20 (g-1) To help protect courthouses that have benefited from
1-21 the historic courthouse preservation program, the commission shall
1-22 develop and implement a maintenance program to assist counties
1-23 receiving money under the preservation program in continuing to
1-24 maintain, repair, and preserve the courthouses. The maintenance
1-25 program may include offering to periodically inspect the
1-26 courthouses and offering counties technical assistance and
1-27 information on best practices in maintaining the courthouses.

1-28 (h) The commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement
1-29 the historic courthouse preservation and maintenance programs
1-30 [~~program~~].

1-31 SECTION 3. Section 442.0083(f), Government Code, is amended
1-32 to read as follows:

1-33 (f) Biennial appropriations to the commission for
1-34 administering the historic courthouse preservation and maintenance
1-35 programs [~~program~~] during a state fiscal biennium, including
1-36 providing oversight for historic courthouse projects, may not
1-37 exceed 2-1/2 [~~one~~] percent of the amount appropriated for
1-38 implementing the historic courthouse preservation and maintenance
1-39 programs [~~program~~] during the state fiscal biennium.

1-40 SECTION 4. Section 441.157, Government Code, is repealed.

1-41 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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