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S.B. No. 209

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the State Preservation Board's authority to prohibit
3 lobbying or political activity on the Capitol grounds.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 443, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Section 443.0185 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 443.0185. PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN LOBBYING OR POLITICAL
8 ACTIVITY ON CAPITOL STEPS OR GROUNDS. The board may not prohibit
9 lobbying or political activity on the steps of the Capitol or on the
10 grounds of the Capitol if the lobbying or political activity is part
11 of an event recommended by a member of the senate or house of
12 representatives to the board for approval and scheduling.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.