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S.B. No. 1496

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the historic courthouse preservation program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 442.0082, Government Code, is amended by adding subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) The commission shall develop and implement a program to ensure that counties receiving funding for courthouse projects continue to maintain, repair and preserve their courthouses so as to protect the investment of state monies. The commission shall provide periodic inspections, technical assistance and establish county maintenance reporting requirements.

SECTION 2. Section 442.0083(f), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) Biennial appropriations to the commission for administering the historic courthouse preservation and maintenance programs during a state fiscal biennium, including providing oversight for historic courthouse projects, may not exceed [~~one~~ two and one half percent of the amount appropriated for implementing the historic courthouse preservation program during the state fiscal biennium.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.