

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under current law, the Texas Building and Procurement Commission (TBPC) maintains responsibility for providing facility management services for certain Texas Historical Commission (commission) buildings located in the Capitol Complex. The responsibility was placed on TBPC during the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, as a part of H.B. 3042. TBPC does not maintain adequate skill sets and staffing to meet the unique preservation and historical needs of all these buildings, including the Governor's Mansion. However, the commission has staff with specific skill sets related to the historic preservation of facilities. Likewise, the State Preservation Board may be best suited to handle duties related to the Governor's Mansion and its grounds.

C.S.H.B. 2621 transfers the responsibility for providing facility management services to certain buildings located in the Capitol Complex from TBPC to the commission. This bill also transfers the duties related to the Governor's Mansion from TBPC to the State Preservation Board.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 442.0072(d), Government Code, as follows:

(d) Requires the Texas Historical Commission (commission) to preserve, maintain in a state of suitable repair, restore, and develop the church and the house, their contents, and their grounds, in the manner determined by the commission, for the beautification and cultural enhancement of the properties as a significant Texas historical site and in a manner consistent with development of the Capitol Complex.

SECTION 2. Amends Subchapter A, Chapter 442, Government Code, by adding Section 442.0073, as follows:

Sec. 442.0073. PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN STATE BUILDINGS. (a) Requires the commission to preserve, maintain, and restore Luther Hall, the Elrose Building, and the Christianson-Leberman Building, their contents, and their grounds.

(b) Provides the location of said buildings.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 2165.007(b), Government Code, to provide that the Texas Building and Procurement Commission's duty to provide facilities management services does not apply to the Governor's Mansion and any property maintained by the commission under Sections 442.0072 and 442.0073.

SECTION 4. Provides that the following actions will take place on September 1, 2007.

(1) Transfers all powers and duties of TBPC related to the Governor's Mansion and its grounds to the State Preservation Board (board).

- (2) Transfers all records of TBPC related to the Governor's Mansion and its grounds to the board.
- (3) Transfers all contracts of TBPC pertaining specifically to the Governor's Mansion and its grounds to the board.
- (4) Transfers all appropriations of TBPC specifically for purposes pertaining to the Governor's Mansion and its grounds to board, and transfers all appropriations to TBPC budgeted for expenditures relating to the Governor's Mansion and its grounds to the board.

SECTION 6 [sic]. Effective date: September 1, 2007.