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H.B. No. 1172

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the contracting authority of the Texas Historical Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Section 442.005(o), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(o) The commission may enter into contracts with other state agencies or institutions, and other persons, including for-profit corporations, ~~[and—with]~~ to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

SECTION 2. Section 442.0056(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The commission shall restore and maintain each historic site acquired under this section for the benefit of the general public. The commission may enter into interagency contracts and contracts with other persons, including for-profit corporations, for this purpose.

SECTION 3. Section 442.007(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The commission may enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with the federal government, other state agencies, state or private museums or educational institutions, or qualified persons, including for-profit corporations, ~~[individuals]~~ for prehistoric or historic archeological investigations, surveys,

excavations, or restorations in this state.

SECTION 4. Section 442.0071(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The commission may accept gifts, grants, or other donations on behalf of the Governor's Mansion. The commission shall contract with a nonprofit organization formed to assist in the preservation and maintenance of the Governor's Mansion or with a for-profit organization to develop and implement a plan for the solicitation and acceptance of gifts, grants, devises, and bequests of money, other property, and services to be used in the acquisition of furnishings, fixtures, works of art, and decorative objects for the Governor's Mansion or for necessary landscaping, conservation, or restoration services. The commission also may contract with a nonprofit or for-profit organization described by this subsection for the performance of any duty provided by Subsection (b). A contract under this subsection may not exceed a term of two years.

SECTION 5. Section 442.072(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The commission may enter into an agreement with a nonprofit or for-profit corporation, foundation, association, or other nonprofit or for-profit entity for the expansion, renovation, management, operation, or financial support of a historic site.

SECTION 6. Section 442.075(d), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) On or after the transfer of jurisdiction over a historic site, the commission may enter into an agreement with a nonprofit or for-profit corporation, including the Admiral Nimitz Foundation,

1 for the expansion, renovation, management, operation, or financial  
2 support of the site.

3 SECTION 7. Section 442.101(b), Government Code, is amended  
4 to read as follows:

5 (b) The commission may contract with any appropriate  
6 entity, including a for-profit corporation, for services necessary  
7 to carry out its responsibilities regarding historic sites  
8 described by Subchapter C.

9 SECTION 8. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
10 a contract entered into by the Texas Historical Commission on or  
11 after the effective date of this Act.

12 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.