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S.B. No. 615

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. Subsection (o), Section 442.005, 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, to carry out the purposes of this chapter. A contract with a for-profit corporation under this chapter may not permit any property preserved, maintained, or administered by the commission under this chapter to display any corporate name, logo, or product other than a discreet plaque or similar acknowledgment that does not detract from the property's historic purpose.

SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 442.0056, 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. Subsection (c), Section 442.007, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 (c) The commission may enter into contracts or cooperative
2 agreements with the federal government, other state agencies, state
3 or private museums or educational institutions, or qualified
4 persons, including for-profit corporations, [~~individuals~~] for
5 prehistoric or historic archeological investigations, surveys,
6 excavations, or restorations in this state.

7 SECTION 4. Subsection (c), Section 442.072, Government
8 Code, is amended to read as follows:

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

13 SECTION 5. Subsection (d), Section 442.075, Government
14 Code, is amended to read as follows:

15 (d) On or after the transfer of jurisdiction over a historic
16 site, the commission may enter into an agreement with a nonprofit or
17 for-profit corporation, including the Admiral Nimitz Foundation,
18 for the expansion, renovation, management, operation, or financial
19 support of the site.

20 SECTION 6. Subsection (b), Section 442.101, Government
21 Code, is amended to read as follows:

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

26 SECTION 7. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
27 a contract entered into by the Texas Historical Commission on or

1 after the effective date of this Act.

2 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.