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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. 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]~~ qualified private institutions, 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,

1 excavations, or restorations in this state.

2 SECTION 4. Section 442.072(c), Government Code, is amended
3 to read as follows:

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

8 SECTION 5. Section 442.075(d), Government Code, is amended
9 to read as follows:

10 (d) On or after the transfer of jurisdiction over a historic
11 site, the commission may enter into an agreement with a nonprofit or
12 for-profit corporation, including the Admiral Nimitz Foundation,
13 for the expansion, renovation, management, operation, or financial
14 support of the site.

15 SECTION 6. Section 442.101(b), Government Code, is amended
16 to read as follows:

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

21 SECTION 7. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
22 a contract entered into by the Texas Historical Commission on or
23 after the effective date of this Act.

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