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S.B. No. 770

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a prohibition against naming public property after certain elected officials and former elected officials.

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

SECTION 1. Subsections (b) and (d), Section 2165.005, Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) Subject to Section 2204.752, the [The] commission shall submit names proposed for a new state building to be used as a state or regional headquarters by a state agency, or proposals to rename an existing state building which is used as a state or regional headquarters by a state agency, to the presiding officers of the house of representatives and the senate.

(d) Subject to Section 2204.752, the [The] commission shall submit names proposed for a state building which will be used as a local headquarters by a state agency to the presiding officers of the house of representatives and the senate and the members of each body in whose district the building is located.

SECTION 2. The heading to Chapter 2204, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2204. ACQUISITION AND NAMING OF LAND OR PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE [~~STATE AND FEDERAL PURPOSES~~]

SECTION 3. Chapter 2204, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter I to read as follows:

1 SUBCHAPTER I. NAMING OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

2 Sec. 2204.751. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "public
3 property" means real property, including a road, building, or other
4 improvement to real property, owned by this state or a political
5 subdivision of this state.

6 Sec. 2204.752. PROHIBITED PRACTICE. Notwithstanding any
7 other law, public property, or any part of public property, may not
8 be named after an elected official or a former elected official
9 before the fifth anniversary of the date the elected official or
10 former elected official last held elective office.

11 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.