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S.B. No. 1609

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study on relocating the Legislative Reference
3 Library.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "commission" means the
6 Texas Facilities Commission.

7 (b) The commission shall conduct a study on the benefits to
8 the state of relocating the Legislative Reference Library to a site
9 outside of the State Capitol.

10 (c) The commission shall:

11 (1) determine the amount of space required for the
12 optimal operation of the Legislative Reference Library, taking into
13 consideration the duties and functions of the library and the
14 convenience and productivity of its users;

15 (2) identify alternative sites for the library that
16 are near the State Capitol and that are currently or were formerly
17 used as a library;

18 (3) estimate for each alternative site the benefits
19 and costs to the state of relocating the library to that site; and

20 (4) estimate the cost of converting the existing site
21 into office space to be allocated in equal amounts to the governor's
22 office, the senate, and the house of representatives.

23 (d) Not later than December 1, 2016, the commission shall
24 submit to the legislature a written report containing the findings

1 of the study.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.