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H.B. No. 997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to approval and recording requirements for certain
3 conveyances of land owned by political subdivisions to the United
4 States.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 272, Local Government Code, is amended
7 by adding Section 272.0001 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 272.0001. GOVERNOR'S APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN
9 CONVEYANCES OF LAND. (a) A political subdivision must provide the
10 governor with advance notice of a proposed conveyance of land owned
11 by the political subdivision to the United States. The notice must
12 be sent to the governor not later than the 30th day before the date:

13 (1) notice is published under Section 272.001; or

14 (2) the land is offered for sale or exchange, if
15 Section 272.001 is not applicable to the sale or exchange.

16 (b) In addition to the advance notice of the proposed
17 conveyance to the United States, the political subdivision shall
18 submit to the governor a formal request for approval of the sale or
19 exchange. The political subdivision may conduct the sale or
20 exchange unless the governor gives the political subdivision
21 written notice disapproving the sale or exchange. The governor
22 must provide written notice of disapproval under this section not
23 later than the 30th day after the date the governor receives the
24 written request for approval.

1 (c) This section does not apply to the sale or exchange of
2 public land for use as a federal post office.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 272, Local Government Code, is amended
4 by adding Section 272.007 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 272.007. INFORMATION ABOUT CERTAIN CONVEYANCES OF LAND
6 POSTED ON WEBSITE. (a) The General Land Office shall post
7 information relating to the conveyance of any public land by a
8 political subdivision to the United States, including land sold or
9 exchanged for use as a federal post office, on the agency's Internet
10 website. The information must be publicly accessible and include
11 the following for each sale or exchange:

12 (1) the entity acquiring the land;

13 (2) the entity offering the land for sale or exchange;

14 (3) the purchase price of the land or the value of the
15 property for which the land was exchanged; and

16 (4) the date of the sale or exchange.

17 (b) A political subdivision shall provide the General Land
18 Office the information described by Subsection (a) not later than
19 the 30th day after the date the land is sold or exchanged.

20 (c) The commissioner of the General Land Office shall adopt
21 any rules necessary to implement this section.

22 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act do not apply
23 to the sale or exchange of land for which:

24 (1) notice of the offer of the sale or exchange is
25 published under Section 272.001, Local Government Code, before the
26 effective date of this Act; or

27 (2) the offer of the sale or exchange is made before

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1 the effective date of this Act, if Section [272.001](#), Local
2 Government Code, does not apply to the sale or exchange.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.