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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the transfer of jurisdiction over and management of the
3 property known as the French Legation to the Texas Historical
4 Commission and to certain historic sites under the commission's
5 jurisdiction.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 442.072(a), Government Code, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 (a) The following historic sites and parks [~~formerly under~~
10 ~~the jurisdiction of the Parks and Wildlife Department~~] are under
11 the commission's jurisdiction:

- 12 (1) Acton State Historic Site;
- 13 (2) Caddoan Mounds State Historic Site;
- 14 (3) Casa Navarro State Historic Site;
- 15 (4) Confederate Reunion Grounds State Historic Site;
- 16 (5) Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site;
- 17 (6) Fannin Battleground State Historic Site;
- 18 (7) Fort Griffin State Historic Site;
- 19 (8) Fort Lancaster State Historic Site;
- 20 (9) Fort McKavett State Historic Site;
- 21 (10) Fulton Mansion State Historic Site;
- 22 (11) Landmark Inn State Historic Site;
- 23 (12) Levi Jordan State Historic Site;
- 24 (13) Magoffin Home State Historic Site;

- 1 (14) Sabine Pass Battleground State Historic Site;
- 2 (15) Sam Bell Maxey House State Historic Site;
- 3 (16) San Felipe State Historic Site;
- 4 (17) Starr Family Home State Historic Site;
- 5 (18) Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site;
- 6 (19) Sam Rayburn House State Historic Site;
- 7 (20) National Museum of the Pacific War;
- 8 (21) the property known as the French Legation; and
- 9 (22) Mission Dolores State Historic Site.

10 SECTION 2. Section 2165.257, Government Code, is
11 transferred to Subchapter C, Chapter 442, Government Code,
12 redesignated as Section 442.076, Government Code, and amended to
13 read as follows:

14 Sec. 442.076 [2165.257]. FRENCH LEGATION [~~EMBASSY~~]. (a)
15 The commission is responsible for:

16 (1) the preservation, maintenance, and restoration of
17 the [The] property known as the French Legation and its contents;
18 and

19 (2) the protection of the historical and architectural
20 integrity of the exterior, interior, and grounds of the French
21 Legation [~~Embassy is for the use and purposes of the Daughters of~~
22 ~~the Republic of Texas. They may take full charge of the building~~
23 ~~and use it as they consider proper].~~

24 (b) Any power or duty related to the French Legation
25 formerly vested in another state agency or entity is vested solely
26 in the commission. [~~The French Embassy is the property of the~~
27 ~~state, and title to the property remains in the commission's~~

1 ~~custody.]~~

2 SECTION 3. The heading to Section 2203.003, Government
3 Code, is amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 2203.003. STATE PROPERTY UNDER CONTROL OF THE
5 DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY AND[7] TEXAS DIVISION[~~7 AND THE~~
6 ~~DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS~~].

7 SECTION 4. Section 2203.003(a), Government Code, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 (a) The Daughters of the Confederacy and[7] Texas
10 Division[~~7 and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas~~] each may
11 charge admission to state property over which each organization has
12 custody or control.

13 SECTION 5. (a) On September 1, 2017, or as soon as
14 practicable after that date, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas
15 with assistance from the Texas Facilities Commission shall take a
16 complete inventory of all personal property and fixtures located at
17 the property known as the French Legation. The inventory must
18 identify the origin of each item and its current owner as agreed to
19 between the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Texas
20 Facilities Commission. The Daughters of the Republic of Texas shall
21 be allowed a reasonable time after completion of the inventory to
22 remove any personal property and fixtures owned by the
23 organization.

24 (b) Any dispute regarding the ownership of personal
25 property and fixtures located at the French Legation shall be
26 resolved through alternative dispute resolution as provided by
27 Chapter 2009, Government Code.

1 (c) The Daughters of the Republic of Texas may transfer any
2 property of the organization described by this section to the Texas
3 Historical Commission.

4 SECTION 6. On September 1, 2017, the following are
5 transferred to the Texas Historical Commission:

6 (1) all powers and duties of the Daughters of the
7 Republic of Texas relating to the property known as the French
8 Legation;

9 (2) all state-owned assets in the possession of the
10 Daughters of the Republic of Texas relating to the French Legation;
11 and

12 (3) all files and other records of the Daughters of the
13 Republic of Texas kept by the organization regarding the French
14 Legation.

15 SECTION 7. On September 1, 2017, the following are
16 transferred to the Texas Historical Commission:

17 (1) all powers and duties of the Texas Facilities
18 Commission relating to the property known as the French Legation
19 and its grounds;

20 (2) all files and other records of the Texas
21 Facilities Commission relating to the French Legation;

22 (3) all contracts of the Texas Facilities Commission
23 pertaining specifically to the French Legation and its grounds; and

24 (4) all funds appropriated to the Texas Facilities
25 Commission designated for the benefit of the French Legation.

26 SECTION 8. On September 1, 2017, the Daughters of the
27 Republic of Texas shall transfer any money held in trust by the

1 organization under Section 2203.003, Government Code, as amended by
2 this Act, in relation to the property known as the French Legation
3 to the Texas Historical Commission to be held in trust by the
4 commission for the purposes described by Section 442.076,
5 Government Code, as redesignated and amended by this Act.

6 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.