**BILL ANALYSIS**

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**AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

H.B. 2978 amends current law relating to an agreement between the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and the City of Austin regarding an easement across commission property.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

**SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter A, Chapter 441, Government Code, by adding Section 441.0165, as follows:

Sec. 441.0165. EASEMENT OVER COMMISSION PROPERTY. (a) Requires the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) and the City of Austin (city) to enter into an agreement under which the city is authorized to use any amount credited in favor of the city under Section 2166.052(c) (relating to authorizing the Texas Facilities Commission (TFC) to enter into a contract with the city to govern certain actions regarding real property and interests in real property) to acquire, for a reasonable value, an easement across TSLAC property.

(b) Provides that the use of any amount credited in favor of the city under Subsection (a) is subject to approval by TFC.

(c) Provides that Section 272.001 (Notice of Sale or Exchange of Land by Political Subdivision; Exceptions), Local Government Code, does not apply to a transaction governed by this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.