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H.B. No. 2036

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of permits for the analysis of human remains recovered on state archeological landmarks.

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

SECTION 1. Section 191.054, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) The committee may issue a permit to a person described by Subsection (a) for analysis, including genetic analysis, of human remains at, in, or on a landmark if it is the opinion of the committee that the permit is in the best interest of the State of Texas.

SECTION 2. Section 191.131(b), Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) No person, firm, or corporation may conduct an operation on any landmark, including the analysis of human remains, without first obtaining a permit and having the permit in the person's, firm's, [his] or corporation's [its] possession at the site of the operation, or conduct the operation in violation of the provisions of the permit.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.