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H.B. No. 3952

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creating a program to designate historic sites in this state.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 442, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 442.0089 to read as follows:

Sec. 442.0089. HISTORIC SITES PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall identify sites in this state that are historically significant to this state because significant events occurred at the site that shaped the history of this state.

(b) The commission may designate or encourage the designation of sites identified under Subsection (a) through existing history programs, including:

(1) local community landmark programs;

(2) the state historical marker program under Section 442.006;

(3) the state register of historic places under Section 442.0085;

(4) the National Register of Historic Places;

(5) the National Historic Landmarks program;

(6) the World Heritage List; and

(7) other appropriate programs.

(c) The commission may provide information regarding the significance of the sites designated under this section using:

1 (1) historical markers and monuments;

2 (2) publications and films; and

3 (3) other appropriate media.

4 (d) The commission may seek assistance from other state and
5 local governmental entities in carrying out the commission's duties
6 under this section.

7 (e) The commission may seek and accept gifts, grants, and
8 donations from public or private sources, including seeking
9 available federal funds, to accomplish the purposes of this
10 section.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.