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H.B. No. 4446

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the transfer of jurisdiction over and management of the Star of the Republic Museum to the Texas Historical Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 442, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter B-1 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER B-1. STAR OF THE REPUBLIC MUSEUM

Sec. 442.061. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "museum" means the Star of the Republic Museum.

Sec. 442.062. JURISDICTION AND MAINTENANCE OF MUSEUM. (a) The museum and its contents are under the jurisdiction of the commission. The commission is responsible for the preservation, maintenance, and operation of the museum.

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), Blinn College District maintains ownership of the museum, the land on which the museum is located, and the artifacts in the museum.

(c) Except as provided by Subsection (b), any power or duty related to the museum formerly vested in any other state agency or entity is vested solely in the commission.

(d) The commission shall, in coordination with an advisory committee appointed by the board of trustees of the Blinn College District, promote the educational and public awareness programs at the museum, the Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site, and the Barrington Living History Farm.

1 Sec. 442.063. GRANTS; DONATIONS. The commission may accept
2 a grant or donation for any program or purpose of the museum.

3 SECTION 2. (a) On January 1, 2020, the following are
4 transferred to the Texas Historical Commission:

5 (1) all powers and duties of Blinn College District
6 relating to the Star of the Republic Museum;

7 (2) all unobligated and unexpended funds
8 appropriated, donated, or contributed to Blinn College District
9 designated for the administration of any part of the Star of the
10 Republic Museum; and

11 (3) all files and other records of Blinn College
12 District kept by Blinn College District regarding the Star of the
13 Republic Museum.

14 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, Blinn College District
15 shall continue to perform functions and activities related to the
16 Star of the Republic Museum until January 1, 2020, and the former
17 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.