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S.B. No. 907

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the preservation and improvement of the Republic of Texas Granite Boundary Marker.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 442, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 442.078 to read as follows:

Sec. 442.078. REPUBLIC OF TEXAS GRANITE BOUNDARY MARKER. (a) In this section, the "Republic of Texas Granite Boundary Marker" means the granite marker originally placed in 1841 to mark the international boundary between the Republic of Texas and the United States, located at or about 32°2'3"N, 94°2'35"W.

(b) The commission shall:

(1) design and build facilities sufficient to accommodate visitors and protect, preserve, and display the Republic of Texas Granite Boundary Marker;

(2) develop and display historical and educational information and exhibits at the site to educate the public on the history of the marker and the region;

(3) cooperate with the federal government as necessary to facilitate the powers and responsibilities granted in this section; and

(4) take other action as necessary to preserve, maintain in a state of suitable repair, restore, and develop the Republic of Texas Granite Boundary Marker and the grounds

1 immediately surrounding the marker, in the manner determined by the
2 commission, for the beautification and cultural enhancement of the
3 property as a significant Texas historical site.

4 (c) Any power or duty related to the Republic of Texas
5 Granite Boundary Marker formerly vested in another state agency or
6 entity is vested solely in the commission.

7 (d) The commission shall spend the money the legislature
8 appropriates for purposes of this section to accomplish those
9 purposes.

10 (e) The commission may solicit and accept gifts, donations,
11 and grants of money or property from any public or private source to
12 be used for the purposes of this section.

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