

1-1 By: Hughes S.B. No. 907  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2019; March 21, 2019, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Administration;  
 1-4 April 24, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 24, 2019,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13			X	
1-14	X			
1-15	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 907 By: Hughes

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the preservation, maintenance, and improvement of the  
 1-20 Republic of Texas Granite Boundary Marker.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 442, Government Code, is  
 1-23 amended by adding Section 442.0074 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 442.0074. PRESERVATION, MAINTENANCE, AND IMPROVEMENT  
 1-25 OF REPUBLIC OF TEXAS GRANITE BOUNDARY MARKER. (a) In this  
 1-26 section, "boundary marker" means the granite marker designating the  
 1-27 former international boundary between the Republic of Texas and the  
 1-28 United States, originally placed in 1841 at its location in Panola  
 1-29 County near Farm to Market Road No. 31, at or about 32°2'3"N,  
 1-30 94°2'35"W, and known as the Republic of Texas Granite Boundary  
 1-31 Marker and the International Boundary Marker.

1-32 (b) To the extent authorized by law, the commission shall  
 1-33 preserve, maintain, and improve the boundary marker and state land  
 1-34 adjacent to the boundary marker and shall:

1-35 (1) design and construct a structure or device  
 1-36 sufficient to protect the boundary marker from vandalism, theft,  
 1-37 and natural elements;

1-38 (2) display historical and educational information on  
 1-39 a sign or plaque at the boundary marker site to inform the public of  
 1-40 the history of the boundary marker and the region;

1-41 (3) cooperate with the federal government and other  
 1-42 persons as necessary to facilitate the implementation of duties  
 1-43 imposed by this section; and

1-44 (4) take other action the commission determines  
 1-45 necessary to preserve, maintain, restore, and improve the boundary  
 1-46 marker and the state grounds adjacent to the boundary marker for the  
 1-47 beautification and cultural enhancement of the property as a  
 1-48 significant historical site in this state.

1-49 (c) Notwithstanding any other law, any power or duty related  
 1-50 to the boundary marker formerly vested in another state agency is  
 1-51 vested solely in the commission.

1-52 (d) The commission may spend money appropriated to the  
 1-53 commission for purposes of this section only to accomplish those  
 1-54 purposes.

1-55 (e) The commission may solicit and accept gifts, grants, and  
 1-56 donations of money or property from any public or private source to  
 1-57 be used for the purposes of this section.

1-58 (f) The commission, in consultation with each state senator  
 1-59 and representative in whose district the boundary marker is located  
 1-60 and other interested parties, may:

2-1                   (1) replace the original boundary marker with a  
2-2 replica boundary marker;

2-3                   (2) preserve, maintain, and display the original  
2-4 boundary marker at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum; and

2-5                   (3) perform the duties assigned by Subsection (b) with  
2-6 respect to the replica boundary marker at the original boundary  
2-7 marker location.

2-8                   SECTION 2. The Texas Historical Commission is required to  
2-9 implement a provision of this Act only if the legislature  
2-10 appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the  
2-11 legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that  
2-12 purpose, the Texas Historical Commission may, but is not required  
2-13 to, implement a provision of this Act using other appropriations  
2-14 available for that purpose.

2-15                   SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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