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(King of Hemphill)

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the main street program administered by the Texas Historical Commission.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 442.014, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 442.014.  MAIN STREET PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall administer a main street program to assist communities [~~municipalities~~] with the development, restoration, and preservation of their historic neighborhood commercial districts and central business districts.

(b)  The [~~Each year the~~] commission shall designate certain communities [~~municipalities~~] to participate in the program as official main street cities.

(c)  The commission by rule shall prescribe the frequency of community designations and qualification standards for participation in the program [~~as a main street city or as an urban main street city. Any municipality not designated under Subsection (b) may apply with the commission to participate in the program under this subsection~~].

(d)  The commission by rule shall prescribe a fee schedule for participation in the program under Subsection (c). The commission shall collect fees from the participating communities [~~municipalities~~] to offset [~~recover the~~] costs of participation in the program.

SECTION 2.  As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the Texas Historical Commission shall adopt the rules necessary to administer Section 442.014, Government Code, as amended by this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.