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S.B. No. 1177

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the establishment of a task force to evaluate  
3 state-owned artifact collections.

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

5 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "task force" means the  
6 task force established under Section 2 of this Act.

7 SECTION 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF TASK FORCE. A task force is  
8 established to manage artifact collections owned by this state.

9 SECTION 3. TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP. (a) The task force is  
10 composed of representatives of the:

- 11 (1) Texas Historical Commission;
- 12 (2) General Land Office;
- 13 (3) Texas State Library and Archives Commission;
- 14 (4) Parks and Wildlife Department;
- 15 (5) State Preservation Board; and
- 16 (6) Texas Facilities Commission.

17 (b) The executive director of each state agency represented  
18 on the task force shall appoint an employee of the agency to serve  
19 as the agency's representative on the task force not later than  
20 October 1, 2021.

21 (c) The member representing the Texas Facilities Commission  
22 must have engineering and architectural expertise.

23 SECTION 4. REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES. A member of the task  
24 force is not entitled to compensation for service on the task force

1 but is entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses incurred by  
2 the member while conducting the business of the task force as  
3 provided by the General Appropriations Act.

4 SECTION 5. DUTIES OF TASK FORCE. For each state agency  
5 represented on the task force, the task force shall:

6 (1) evaluate the need for a separate collections  
7 facility for the agency and compare use of a separate collection  
8 facility to a secure centrally located joint collections facility  
9 with a processing laboratory for repair, cleaning, re-housing, and  
10 light conservation of state artifacts, including cost estimates for  
11 maintaining a separate collections facility for each agency  
12 compared to a joint collections facility;

13 (2) analyze the storage capacity for the agency's  
14 collections to determine whether the agency's collections facility  
15 is adequate for the agency's successful stewardship of its  
16 collections over the next five years and 10 years;

17 (3) review the option of establishing a  
18 disaster-secure collections facility with separate storage areas  
19 for each agency;

20 (4) review the recommendations in the Texas Historical  
21 Commission's December 2018 response to the Sunset Advisory  
22 Commission decisions on creating a searchable public catalog of  
23 state-owned collections to determine cost estimates for  
24 implementing the recommendations and a process for implementing the  
25 recommendations; and

26 (5) assess any unmet need of the agency regarding  
27 state-owned collections as determined by the task force.

1           SECTION 6. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2022, the  
2 task force shall report the task force's findings and  
3 determinations under Section 5 of this Act to the governor,  
4 lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and  
5 standing committees of each house of the legislature with primary  
6 jurisdiction over the history and culture of this state.

7           SECTION 7. EXPIRATION. The task force is abolished and this  
8 Act expires September 1, 2023.

9           SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September  
10 1, 2021.