

1-1 By: Hall S.B. No. 1254  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2021; March 18, 2021, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border  
1-4 Security; April 30, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 2;  
1-6 April 30, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

|      | Yea      | Nay      | Absent   | PNV |
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| 1-9  | <u>X</u> |          |          |     |
| 1-10 | <u>X</u> |          |          |     |
| 1-11 |          | <u>X</u> |          |     |
| 1-12 |          | <u>X</u> |          |     |
| 1-13 |          |          | <u>X</u> |     |
| 1-14 | <u>X</u> |          |          |     |
| 1-15 | <u>X</u> |          |          |     |

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1254 By: Hall

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

1-19 relating to an interstate compact on border security and  
1-20 immigration enforcement.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Title 7, Government Code, is amended by adding  
1-23 Chapter 793 to read as follows:

1-24 CHAPTER 793. INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR BORDER SECURITY

1-25 Sec. 793.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "illegal alien"  
1-26 means a person who:

1-27 (1) is not a citizen or national of the United States;  
1-28 and

1-29 (2) is unlawfully present in the United States  
1-30 according to the terms of 8 U.S.C. Section 1101 et seq.

1-31 Sec. 793.002. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE INTERSTATE COMPACT. On  
1-32 behalf of this state, the governor may:

1-33 (1) coordinate, develop, and execute an interstate  
1-34 compact for border security among interested states; and

1-35 (2) seek the approval of the United States Congress  
1-36 for the compact.

1-37 Sec. 793.003. CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL. The compact  
1-38 authorized by this chapter takes effect only if approved by the  
1-39 United States Congress not later than the 10th anniversary of the  
1-40 date the compact is executed by the governor under Section 793.002.

1-41 Sec. 793.004. INTERSTATE COMPACT PROVISIONS. The compact  
1-42 authorized by this chapter must provide for joint action among  
1-43 compacting states on matters that include:

1-44 (1) the operational control of this state's border  
1-45 with Mexico by the total detection and apprehension or deflection  
1-46 of illegal aliens attempting to cross the border into this state;  
1-47 and

1-48 (2) any other enforcement of federal immigration laws,  
1-49 including the detecting, apprehending, detaining, prosecuting,  
1-50 releasing, and monitoring of illegal aliens.

1-51 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-52 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-53 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-54 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-55 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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