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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

There are approximately 68 state-owned buildings in the City of Austin. State agencies have requested authorization to sell two such state-owned properties that are no longer needed. The State Records Center, owned by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, is beyond reasonable costs of repairs; similarly, the Health and Human Services Commission owns property with two buildings, one of which has not been occupied since 2017 due to deteriorating conditions, and the other, which houses 225 staff members, is also approaching the end of its lifecycle. H.B. 4025 seeks to address this issue by authorizing the General Land Office to sell these state-owned properties.

H.B. 4025 amends current law relating to authorizing the sale by the State of Texas of certain real property located in Austin, Texas.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. (a) Requires the General Land Office (GLO), as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, to offer to sell the real property described by Section 2 of this Act under the terms provided by this section.

(b) Requires GLO to negotiate and close a transaction under this section under Section 31.158 (Real Estate Transactions Authorized by Legislature), Natural Resources Code. Requires that proceeds from the transaction be deposited in the general revenue fund.

(c) Requires that the sale of the real property described by Subdivision (1) of Section 2 of this Act be contingent upon the construction and occupation of an alternative state records facility that replaces the facility being operated on the real property by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 2. Provides that the real property held by the State of Texas is situated in Travis County, Texas. Sets forth the boundaries of the property.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2023.