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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to crosswalk marking requirements.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 544, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 544.014 to read as follows:

Sec. 544.014.  CROSSWALK MARKING REQUIREMENTS. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a local authority shall indicate a marked crosswalk with one of the following:

(1)  solid white lines that are longitudinal, transverse, or diagonal; or

(2)  a Texas-themed mural described by Subsection (b).

(b)  A Texas-themed mural authorized by Subsection (a)(2) must:

(1)  completely fill the boundaries of the marked crosswalk;

(2)  have a white, black, or unpainted background; and

(3)  feature the shape of the State of Texas, painted in the manner of the Texas flag.

(c)  A municipality with a population of 100,000 or more shall identify the five intersections that are most used by pedestrians in the municipality and indicate each marked crosswalk in those intersections with a Texas-themed mural described by Subsection (b).

SECTION 2.  (a) Notwithstanding Section 544.014(c), Transportation Code, as added by this Act, a municipality is not required to comply with that subsection until September 1, 2025.

(b)  Not later than September 1, 2025, each municipality with a population of 100,000 or more shall conduct a study to identify the five intersections that are most used by pedestrians in the municipality.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.