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S.B. No. 231

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to state recognition of the Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas.

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

4 SECTION 1. The heading to Title 11, Government Code, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 TITLE 11. STATE SYMBOLS, RECOGNITIONS, AND HONORS; PRESERVATION

7 SECTION 2. The heading to Subtitle A, Title 11, Government
8 Code, is amended to read as follows:

9 SUBTITLE A. STATE SYMBOLS, RECOGNITIONS, AND HONORS

10 SECTION 3. Subtitle A, Title 11, Government Code, is
11 amended by adding Chapter 3102 to read as follows:

12 CHAPTER 3102. STATE RECOGNITION

13 Sec. 3102.001. STATE RECOGNITION OF NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN
14 TRIBE. The Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas is designated and recognized
15 by this state as a Native American Indian Tribe exercising
16 substantial governmental powers and duties. The tribe is
17 recognized as eligible for all programs, services, authorizations,
18 including marketing and sales authorizations, and other benefits
19 provided to state-recognized Native American Indian Tribes by the
20 United States, this state, or any other state because of the tribe
21 members' status as Native American Indians.

22 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.