

AN ACT

relating to the use of appropriated money by the Texas State Guard for recruiting and retention purposes.

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

SECTION 1. Section [2113.011](#), Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) This section does not prohibit the Texas State Guard from using appropriated money for the purpose of recruiting or retaining service members, employees, or other personnel. In this subsection, "service member" and "Texas State Guard" have the meanings assigned by Section [437.001](#).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 538 passed the Senate on April 3, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 538 passed the House on May 18, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor