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H.B. No. 2337

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the concurrent jurisdiction of this state over United  
3 States military installations with respect to certain subject  
4 matters.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 2204, Government Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 2204.104 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 2204.104. AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT CONCURRENT JURISDICTION  
9 OF THIS STATE OVER UNITED STATES MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. (a) In  
10 this section:

11 (1) "Political subdivision" includes a municipality,  
12 county, or any special-purpose district or authority.

13 (2) "State agency" means a state agency in any branch  
14 of state government.

15 (3) "Status offense" means conduct that a child  
16 commits that would not, under state law, be an offense if committed  
17 by an adult.

18 (b) On written application of an authorized representative  
19 of the United States to the governor, the governor, in the name and  
20 on behalf of this state, may accept the establishment of concurrent  
21 jurisdiction of this state with the United States over land in this  
22 state owned or acquired by the United States under this subchapter  
23 for a military purpose authorized by Section 2204.101. An  
24 application may seek full or partial concurrent jurisdiction, and

1 the proposal may include land where no federal jurisdiction exists  
2 or land where this state previously ceded jurisdiction to the  
3 United States.

4 (c) The application under Subsection (b) must:

5 (1) state the name and position of the authorized  
6 representative and identify the federal law authorizing the  
7 representative to bind the United States in transactions involving  
8 the jurisdiction of the United States;

9 (2) subject to Subdivision (3), state the subject  
10 matter over which concurrent jurisdiction is being established;

11 (3) if the application is submitted for the purpose of  
12 establishing concurrent jurisdiction over juvenile delinquency and  
13 status offenses, expressly state that purpose;

14 (4) be accompanied by proper evidence of the ownership  
15 or acquisition of the land;

16 (5) include or have attached an accurate description  
17 by metes and bounds of the land that is the subject of the  
18 application; and

19 (6) state whether the United States is applying for  
20 the inclusion of, under the same terms of concurrent jurisdiction  
21 sought in the application, any future acquisition of land  
22 contiguous with land for which concurrent jurisdiction is  
23 established or is proposed to be established under this section.

24 (d) The governor's acceptance under this section must:

25 (1) be written; and

26 (2) specify each element of the application that the  
27 governor accepts, including:

1           (A) each subject matter over which concurrent  
2 jurisdiction is being established; and

3           (B) whether the governor accepts the inclusion of  
4 future acquisitions of land as described by Subsection (c)(6).

5           (e) Except as provided by Subsection (f), the establishment  
6 of concurrent jurisdiction under this section takes effect on the  
7 date on which the governor files the following documents for  
8 recording with the secretary of state:

9           (1) the application received under Subsection (b),  
10 including the metes and bounds of the land; and

11           (2) the governor's written acceptance under Subsection  
12 (d).

13           (f) If the governor accepts concurrent jurisdiction for  
14 future acquisitions of land as described by Subsection (c)(6), the  
15 concurrent jurisdiction over the acquired land:

16           (1) takes effect only if:

17           (A) notice of the inclusion is provided to the  
18 governor, including an accurate description by metes and bounds of  
19 the acquired land; and

20           (B) the governor files for recording with the  
21 secretary of state the documents described by Paragraph (A); and

22           (2) takes effect on the date the governor files the  
23 documents under Subdivision (1)(B).

24           (g) After recording the documents filed under Subsection  
25 (e) or (f)(1)(B), the secretary of state shall:

26           (1) provide a certified copy of the documents to the  
27 authorized representative who applied under Subsection (b) or

1 otherwise the person who provided notice under Subsection (f); and  
2 (2) file the documents for recording with each county  
3 clerk of the county in which the land that is the subject of the  
4 application or notice is located.

5 (h) On the establishment of concurrent jurisdiction over  
6 land under this section, a state agency or political subdivision  
7 may enter into a memorandum of understanding with any officer or  
8 agency of the United States for the purpose of coordinating and  
9 assigning duties with respect to the concurrent jurisdiction.

10 (i) Any establishment of concurrent jurisdiction under this  
11 section must include, at minimum, the concurrent jurisdiction  
12 retained under Section 2204.103.

13 (j) This state is not liable for acts or omissions occurring  
14 on land over which concurrent jurisdiction is established under  
15 this section.

16 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 2204.103, Government  
17 Code, is amended to read as follows:

18 Sec. 2204.103. CESSION OF JURISDICTION TO UNITED STATES;  
19 RETENTION OF AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE LEGAL PROCESS.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.