

By: Metcalf

H.B. No. 3471

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the permissible uses of money attributable to the  
3 historic infrastructure sustainability trust fund.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 442.0151(b), (f), and (h), Government  
6 Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 (b) The historic infrastructure sustainability trust fund  
8 is created as a trust fund outside the treasury held by the trust  
9 company and administered by the comptroller as trustee on behalf of  
10 the people of this state to generate earnings on money in the fund  
11 for the purpose of maintaining, preserving, rehabilitating,  
12 improving, and restoring historic sites throughout the state.

13 (f) The commission annually may request a distribution from  
14 the fund in an amount that may not exceed the amount the trust  
15 company determines is available for distribution in the applicable  
16 year under Subsection (d). Money distributed from the fund to the  
17 commission may be used only for the purpose of maintaining,  
18 preserving, rehabilitating, improving, and restoring state  
19 historic sites under the control of the commission and for the  
20 historic courthouse preservation program under Section 442.0081.  
21 The commission shall allocate at least one-third of each annual  
22 distribution from the fund under this subsection for the historic  
23 courthouse preservation program. The commission may not use money  
24 received from an annual distribution under this subsection to pay

1 salaries, employee benefits, costs associated with employee  
2 benefits, or administration, operating, or program costs of the  
3 commission.

4 (h) The commission may receive an additional distribution  
5 from the fund under Subsection (g) only after the commission  
6 certifies to the Legislative Budget Board that:

7 (1) the commission has reviewed and approved the use  
8 of the money;

9 (2) all purchases made with the money will conform to  
10 any applicable provision of law governing state procurement and  
11 contracting; and

12 (3) the money will not be used to:

13 (A) pay salaries, employee benefits, costs  
14 associated with employee benefits, or administration, operating,  
15 or program costs of the commission or the state historic sites under  
16 the control of the commission;

17 (B) acquire new historic sites [~~or real~~  
18 ~~property~~]; or

19 (C) purchase capital equipment that is not  
20 related to the rehabilitation or restoration of a historic site  
21 under the control of the commission or the historic courthouse  
22 preservation program under Section [442.0081](#).

23 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
24 to a distribution from the historic infrastructure sustainability  
25 trust fund requested by the Texas Historical Commission on or after  
26 the effective date of this Act.

27 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.