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H.B. No. 3773

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the transfer of certain state property from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to Walker County.

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

SECTION 1. (a) As soon as practicable, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall transfer to Walker County the real property interests of the State of Texas and the department in the tract of land described by Subsection (f) of this section.

(b) Walker County may use the property transferred under this Act only for a justice center. If Walker County uses the property for any purpose other than the purpose described by this subsection or if Walker County fails to use the property for the purpose described by this subsection before the 10th anniversary of the date of transfer, ownership of the property automatically reverts to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

(c) The Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall transfer the property by an appropriate instrument of transfer. The instrument of transfer must:

(1) provide that:

(A) Walker County may use the property only for a justice center; and

(B) ownership of the property will automatically revert to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice if Walker County:

(i) uses the property for any purpose other than the purpose described by Paragraph (A) of this subdivision; or

(ii) fails to use the property for the purpose described by Paragraph (A) of this subdivision before the 10th anniversary of the date of the transfer; and

(2) describe the property to be transferred by metes and bounds.

(d) The Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall retain custody of the instrument of transfer after the instrument of transfer is filed in the real property records of Walker County.

(e) Sections 31.158 and 31.159, Natural Resources Code, do not apply to the transfer of real property authorized by this Act.

(f) The tract of land referred to in this section is described as follows:

State of Texas	14.999 Acres
County of WALKER	

EXHIBIT "A"

Field notes of a 14.999 acres (653,371 sq. ft.) out of a called 279.39 acres, lying and being situated in the P. Gray League, A-24, Walker County, being the same land described in Volume 112, Page 52 of the Official Records of Walker County, Texas and being more particularly described herein;

Beginning at a concrete monument found in the south margin of a 100' wide road (FM 2821), being the east margin of a variable width county road (Smith Hill Road), marking the northwest corner and point of beginning of the herein described 14.999 acres;

Thence N 60°21'13" E, along and with the south margin of FM 2821, a

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distance of 159.94 feet to a concrete monument found, marking an interior corner of the herein described 14.999 acres;

Thence continuing along and with the south margin of FM 2821 with a curve to the right having a radius of 3780.30 feet, an arc length of 745.28, with a chord bearing of N 81°11'59" E , and a chord distance of 744.07 feet to a concrete monument found for an interior corner of the herein described 14.999 acres;

Thence N 86°58'17" E, continuing along and with the south margin of FM 2821, a distance of 182.83 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set marked "Campbell - Sandoval" from which a concrete monument found bears N 86°58'19" E, a distance of 557.10 feet marking the northeast corner of the herein described 14.999 acres;

Thence S 03°53'37" E, departing the south margin of FM 2821, cutting across and through the called 279.39 acre parent tract, a distance of 634.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set marked "Campbell - Sandoval", marking the southeast corner of the herein described 14.999 acres;

Thence S 85°53'14" W, cutting across and through the called 279.39 acre parent tract , a distance of 1067.85 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set marked "Campbell - Sandoval" from which a 1/2" iron rod found bears S 03°56'02" E, a distance of 121.33 feet, said point being in the east margin of the aforementioned Smith Hill Road, marking the southwest corner of the herein described 14.999 acres;

Thence N 03°56'02" W, along and with the east margin of Smith Hill Road, a distance of 507.71 feet back to point of beginning and containing 14.999 acres.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.