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H.B. No. 4230

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a hike and bike trail to be known  
as the Bicentennial Trail.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 31, Natural Resources Code, is amended  
by adding Subchapter J to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER J. BICENTENNIAL TRAIL

Sec. 31.501. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "hike and  
bike trail" means a trail designed for the exclusive use of  
pedestrians and bicyclists.

Sec. 31.5011. ESTABLISHMENT OF BICENTENNIAL TRAIL. (a)  
The land office shall coordinate the establishment of a hike and  
bike trail network for the purposes described by Section 31.502,  
with connections as described by that section, to be known as the  
Bicentennial Trail.

(b) The land office shall undertake to ensure that the  
Bicentennial Trail is established on or before January 1, 2036.

(c) As necessary or convenient to coordinate the  
establishment and maintenance of the Bicentennial Trail, the land  
office shall enter into memoranda of understanding with political  
subdivisions, nonprofit organizations, the Parks and Wildlife  
Department, the Texas Department of Transportation, and other  
appropriate persons or entities.

(d) A memorandum of understanding entered into under

Subsection (c) may address:

- (1) coordination of trail development;
- (2) trail maintenance;
- (3) acquisition of interests in real property;
- (4) conservation efforts along the trail routes; or
- (5) any other matter pertinent to the establishment or maintenance of the trail.

(e) The land office may adopt rules as necessary to coordinate the establishment of the Bicentennial Trail, including a timeline for the acquisition of real property and real property interests as necessary to complete the trail route.

(f) Real property or interests in real property necessary to complete the trail routes may not be acquired through eminent domain.

(g) This section expires September 1, 2037.

Sec. 31.502. BICENTENNIAL TRAIL PURPOSES. The Bicentennial Trail is established as a network of hike and bike trails to connect the Alamo to the State Capitol and to include hike and bike trail connections to Barton Springs, San Marcos Springs, Comal Springs, and San Antonio Springs for the purposes of promoting outdoor recreation, environmental stewardship, and the historical and cultural heritage of this state.

Sec. 31.503. USE OF BICENTENNIAL TRAIL PROPERTY. Real property acquired by this state for the Bicentennial Trail may be used only for the purposes of the Bicentennial Trail.

Sec. 31.504. BICENTENNIAL TRAIL MAINTENANCE. The Parks and Wildlife Department shall maintain any real property it acquires

1 for the Bicentennial Trail.

2           SECTION 2. The expiration of Section 31.5011, Natural  
3 Resources Code, as added by this Act, does not affect the validity  
4 of a memorandum of understanding entered into under that section.

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