

1-1 By: Metcalf, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Campbell) H.B. No. 4230
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2025;
1-3 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Economic
1-4 Development; May 22, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 22, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			

1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to the establishment of a hike and bike trail to be known
1-16 as the Bicentennial Trail.

1-17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-18 SECTION 1. Chapter 31, Natural Resources Code, is amended
1-19 by adding Subchapter J to read as follows:

1-20 SUBCHAPTER J. BICENTENNIAL TRAIL

1-21 Sec. 31.501. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "hike and
1-22 bike trail" means a trail designed for the exclusive use of
1-23 pedestrians and bicyclists.

1-24 Sec. 31.5011. ESTABLISHMENT OF BICENTENNIAL TRAIL. (a)
1-25 The land office shall coordinate the establishment of a hike and
1-26 bike trail network for the purposes described by Section 31.502,
1-27 with connections as described by that section, to be known as the
1-28 Bicentennial Trail.

1-29 (b) The land office shall undertake to ensure that the
1-30 Bicentennial Trail is established on or before January 1, 2036.

1-31 (c) As necessary or convenient to coordinate the
1-32 establishment and maintenance of the Bicentennial Trail, the land
1-33 office shall enter into memoranda of understanding with political
1-34 subdivisions, nonprofit organizations, the Parks and Wildlife
1-35 Department, the Texas Department of Transportation, and other
1-36 appropriate persons or entities.

1-37 (d) A memorandum of understanding entered into under
1-38 Subsection (c) may address:

- 1-39 (1) coordination of trail development;
1-40 (2) trail maintenance;
1-41 (3) acquisition of interests in real property;
1-42 (4) conservation efforts along the trail routes; or
1-43 (5) any other matter pertinent to the establishment or
1-44 maintenance of the trail.

1-45 (e) The land office may adopt rules as necessary to
1-46 coordinate the establishment of the Bicentennial Trail, including a
1-47 timeline for the acquisition of real property and real property
1-48 interests as necessary to complete the trail route.

1-49 (f) Real property or interests in real property necessary to
1-50 complete the trail routes may not be acquired through eminent
1-51 domain.

1-52 (g) This section expires September 1, 2037.

1-53 Sec. 31.502. BICENTENNIAL TRAIL PURPOSES. The Bicentennial
1-54 Trail is established as a network of hike and bike trails to connect
1-55 the Alamo to the State Capitol and to include hike and bike trail
1-56 connections to Barton Springs, San Marcos Springs, Comal Springs,
1-57 and San Antonio Springs for the purposes of promoting outdoor
1-58 recreation, environmental stewardship, and the historical and
1-59 cultural heritage of this state.

1-60 Sec. 31.503. USE OF BICENTENNIAL TRAIL PROPERTY. Real
1-61 property acquired by this state for the Bicentennial Trail may be

2-1 used only for the purposes of the Bicentennial Trail.
2-2 Sec. 31.504. BICENTENNIAL TRAIL MAINTENANCE. The Parks and
2-3 Wildlife Department shall maintain any real property it acquires
2-4 for the Bicentennial Trail.

2-5 SECTION 2. The expiration of Section 31.5011, Natural
2-6 Resources Code, as added by this Act, does not affect the validity
2-7 of a memorandum of understanding entered into under that section.

2-8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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