

By: Lopez of Cameron

H.B. No. 4988

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to state recognition of the Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Title 11, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

TITLE 11. STATE SYMBOLS, RECOGNITIONS, AND HONORS; PRESERVATION

SECTION 2. The heading to Subtitle A, Title 11, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBTITLE A. STATE SYMBOLS, RECOGNITIONS, AND HONORS

SECTION 3. Subtitle A, Title 11, Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 3102 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 3102. STATE RECOGNITION

Sec. 3102.001. STATE RECOGNITION OF NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBE. The Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas is designated and recognized by this state as a Native American Indian Tribe exercising substantial governmental powers and duties. The tribe is recognized as eligible for all programs, services, authorizations, including marketing and sales authorizations, and other benefits provided to state-recognized Native American Indian Tribes by the United States, this state, or any other state because of the tribe members' status as Native American Indians.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.