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H.B. No. 5032

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 5032:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the display of certain historical state documents.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter L, Chapter 441, Government Code, is amended by adding Sections 441.206 and 441.207 to read as follows:

Sec. 441.206. DISPLAY OF CERTAIN HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS IN CAPITOL COMPLEX. (a) The commission, in consultation and collaboration with the State Preservation Board and the Texas Historical Commission, shall designate an appropriate place in the Capitol Complex to securely display the Texas Constitution and the Texas Declaration of Independence.

(b) The commission shall pay the costs attributable to the display of the Texas Constitution and the Texas Declaration of Independence using available funds or funds appropriated to the commission for that purpose.

(c) The commission, in consultation and collaboration with the State Preservation Board and the Texas Historical Commission and not later than December 1, 2027, shall:

(1) develop a plan to display in the Capitol Complex the Texas Declaration of Independence and the Texas Constitution;

(2) publish the plan on the commission's Internet website; and

(3) provide a copy of the plan to the standing committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over the state's

1 historical resources.

2 (d) Subsection (c) and this subsection expire September 1,
3 2031.

4 Sec. 441.207. CARE, CUSTODY, AND DISPLAY OF VICTORY OR
5 DEATH LETTER. (a) In this section, "victory or death letter" means
6 the letter written by Lieutenant Colonel William B. Travis dated
7 February 24, 1836, and signed "Victory or Death."

8 (b) The commission, in consultation and collaboration with
9 the State Preservation Board and the Texas Historical Commission,
10 is responsible for the care and custody of the victory or death
11 letter.

12 (c) The commission shall designate an appropriate place in
13 the Alamo complex to securely display the victory or death letter.

14 (d) Until the commission designates an appropriate place in
15 the Alamo complex to display the victory or death letter and
16 determines an appropriate time to securely transfer the letter to
17 that place, the commission shall display the victory or death
18 letter at the Capitol Complex with other historical documents,
19 including the Texas Constitution and Texas Declaration of
20 Independence.

21 (e) Costs attributable to the display of the victory or
22 death letter under Subsection (c) or (d) shall be paid by money from
23 the Alamo complex account and are an authorized use of the money
24 under Section 31.454(e), Natural Resources Code.

25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.