

AN ACT

relating to the Texas presidential library promotion program and funding for the program.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 442, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter H to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER H. TEXAS PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY PROMOTION PROGRAM

Sec. 442.301. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "program" means the Texas presidential library promotion program established under this subchapter.

Sec. 442.302. TEXAS PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY PROMOTION PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall establish and administer the Texas presidential library promotion program to:

(1) recognize that the presidential libraries in this state are vital historical and educational resources that attract visitors from across the country and contribute to this state's cultural and economic landscape; and

(2) provide funding and support to the presidential libraries, promote tourism, and educate the public on the contributions of the presidents from this state.

(b) The program is established to support the following presidential libraries in this state:

(1) The Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum;

(2) The George H. W. Bush Presidential Library and

1 Museum; and

2 (3) The George W. Bush Presidential Library and
3 Museum.

4 (c) The program shall:

5 (1) market and promote the presidential libraries to
6 increase tourism to and public awareness of the libraries; and

7 (2) in collaboration with the presidential libraries,
8 develop a mobile exhibit to be displayed in communities, schools,
9 and other public institutions that:

10 (A) features for each president significant
11 artifacts, multimedia presentations, and educational materials;
12 and

13 (B) highlights the historical impact and
14 legacies of President Lyndon B. Johnson, President George H. W.
15 Bush, and President George W. Bush.

16 (d) The commission may enter into a contract with a
17 nonprofit entity for the nonprofit entity to administer and operate
18 the program.

19 Sec. 442.303. FUNDING. (a) The commission shall establish
20 an account into which gifts, grants, and other donations received
21 by the commission for purposes of this subchapter may be deposited.

22 (b) The commission may deposit money appropriated to the
23 commission by the legislature for purposes of this subchapter into
24 the account.

25 (c) The commission may spend money in the account only for a
26 purpose described by this subchapter.

27 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date

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1 of this Act, the Texas Historical Commission shall establish the
2 Texas presidential library promotion program as required by Section
3 442.302, Government Code, as added by this Act.

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

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 5616 was passed by the House on April 30, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 90, Nays 45, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 5616 on May 29, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 103, Nays 35, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 5616 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 27, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor