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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the display of "In God We Trust" on municipal and county buildings.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 305, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER C. DISPLAYS ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY BUILDINGS

Sec. 305.031. DISPLAY OF "IN GOD WE TRUST." The governing body of a municipality and the commissioners court of a county shall display "In God We Trust" in a conspicuous place on each building owned, leased, or used by the municipality or county if the signage bearing "In God We Trust" is donated to the municipality or county. A donor must also pay the cost of any necessary installation fees for the display. The phrase must be displayed on the outside of a building.

SECTION 2. The governing body of each municipality and the commissioners court of each county shall comply with Section 305.031, Local Government Code, as added by this Act, as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.