

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Texas Historical Commission does not use the services of nonprofit historical organizations to assist in efforts to obtain charitable gifts. It is believed that many potential donors are reluctant to give directly to state government but are willing to make contributions to 501(c)(3) tax exempt organizations that assist state agencies. This bill would allow the commission to accept and use funds provided by nonprofit or volunteer organizations.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 726 allows the Texas Historical Commission to accept and use funds and services provided by nonprofit or volunteer organizations.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 442.005(p), Government Code, to authorize the Texas Historical Commission (commission) to accept services or property to carry out any purpose of this chapter, including funds raised or services provided by a volunteer or volunteer group to promote the work of the commission. Authorizes the commission to participate in the establishment and operation of an affiliated nonprofit organization whose purpose is to raise funds for or provide services or other benefits to the commission.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.