

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Forty percent of Texans claim Hispanic heritage. The Hispanic Heritage Center of Texas serves as a cultural and historical resource that helps educate Texans about the rich heritage, legacy, contributions, and history of the Hispanic culture and its impact on this state. H.B. 3211 allows the Texas Historical Commission (THC) to assist the Hispanic Heritage Center of Texas to establish an actual facility. The bill authorizes THC to solicit and accept donations from private and public entities to assist with the establishment of a facility.

H.B. 3211 amends current law relating to the Hispanic Heritage Center of Texas.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter A, Chapter 442, Government Code, by adding Section 442.028, as follows:

Sec. 442.028. HISPANIC HERITAGE CENTER OF TEXAS. Authorizes the Texas Historical Commission (THC) to:

- (1) assist the Hispanic Heritage Center of Texas in establishing a facility to educate Texans regarding the contributions and historical significance of Hispanic persons to this state;
- (2) solicit and accept gifts, donations, and grants of money or property from any public or private source to be used for the purposes of this section; and
- (3) use money appropriated to THC for the purposes of this section to assist the Hispanic Heritage Center of Texas as described by Subdivision (1).

SECTION 2. Provides that THC is required to implement this Act only if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. Provides that if the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that purpose, THC is authorized to, but is not required to, implement this Act using other appropriations available for that purpose.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2013.