

Chapter 718

S.B. No. 928

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of the Tom Lea Trail.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 442, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 442.019 to read as follows:

Sec. 442.019. TOM LEA TRAIL. (a) The commission shall develop a Tom Lea Trail program to commemorate the life and art of Tom Lea.

(b) The program, at a minimum, shall include:

(1) designation of locations that are historically significant to the life and art of Tom Lea;

(2) adoption of an icon, symbol, or other identifying device to represent a designation under this section;

(3) the use of the icon, symbol, or other identifying device in promoting tourism around this state by the commission and at locations designated under this section; and

(4) the development of itineraries and maps to guide tourists to locations designated under this section.

(c) The commission shall adopt:

(1) eligibility criteria for a designation under this section; and

(2) procedures to administer the program created under this section.

(d) A historic marker or sign relating to the life and art of

1 Tom Lea that is erected or maintained pursuant to the program  
2 adopted under this section must be located not more than five miles  
3 from a location designated under Subsection (b)(1).

4 (e) The commission may, as necessary, enter into a  
5 memorandum of understanding with the Texas Economic Development and  
6 Tourism Office and the Texas Department of Transportation to  
7 implement this section.

8 (f) The commission may solicit and accept gifts, grants, and  
9 other donations from any source to implement this section. The  
10 commission is not required to promote or market the Tom Lea Trail  
11 unless the commission receives funds raised from private entities  
12 for that purpose.

13 (g) The following segments of highway shall constitute the  
14 Tom Lea Trail:

15 (1) Interstate Highway 10 from its intersection with  
16 the northern municipal boundary of El Paso to its intersection with  
17 Interstate Highway 20;

18 (2) Interstate Highway 20 from its intersection with  
19 Interstate Highway 10 to its intersection with the western  
20 municipal boundary of Sweetwater;

21 (3) Interstate Highway 20 from its intersection with  
22 the eastern municipal boundary of Sweetwater to its intersection  
23 with U.S. Highway 277;

24 (4) U.S. Highway 277 from its intersection with  
25 Interstate Highway 10 to its intersection with State Highway 114 in  
26 Seymour;

27 (5) State Highway 114 from its intersection with U.S.

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1 Highway 277 in Seymour to its intersection with State Highway 199;

2 (6) State Highway 199 from its intersection with U.S.  
3 Highway 281 to its intersection with Interstate Highway 30;

4 (7) Interstate Highway 30 from its intersection with  
5 State Highway 199 to its intersection with Interstate Highway 35  
6 East in Dallas;

7 (8) Interstate Highway 35 East from its intersection  
8 with Interstate Highway 30 in Dallas to its intersection with State  
9 Highway 6 outside of the southern municipal boundary of Waco;

10 (9) State Highway 6 from its intersection with  
11 Interstate 35 East to its intersection with State Highway 30 in  
12 College Station;

13 (10) State Highway 30 from its intersection with State  
14 Highway 6 in College Station to its intersection with Interstate  
15 Highway 45;

16 (11) Interstate Highway 45 from its intersection with  
17 State Highway 30 to its terminus in Galveston;

18 (12) State Highway 21 from its intersection with State  
19 Highway 6 to its intersection with U.S. Highway 290;

20 (13) U.S. Highway 290 from its intersection with State  
21 Highway 21 to its intersection with the eastern municipal boundary  
22 of Austin;

23 (14) U.S. Highway 290 from its intersection with the  
24 western municipal boundary of Austin to its intersection with the  
25 eastern municipal boundary of Fredericksburg;

26 (15) U.S. Highway 290 from its intersection with the  
27 western municipal boundary of Fredericksburg to its intersection

1 with Interstate Highway 10;

2 (16) Interstate Highway 10 from its intersection with  
3 U.S. Highway 290:

4 (A) west to its intersection with U.S. Highway  
5 385; and

6 (B) east to its intersection with Interstate  
7 Highway 37;

8 (17) U.S. Highway 385 from its intersection with  
9 Interstate Highway 10 to its intersection with the southern  
10 municipal boundary of Odessa;

11 (18) Interstate Highway 37 from its intersection with  
12 Interstate Highway 10 to its intersection with U.S. Highway 77;

13 (19) U.S. Highway 77 from its intersection with  
14 Interstate Highway 37 to its intersection with the northern  
15 municipal boundary of Kingsville;

16 (20) U.S. Highway 77 from its intersection with the  
17 southern municipal boundary of Kingsville to its intersection with  
18 State Highway 285 in Riviera; and

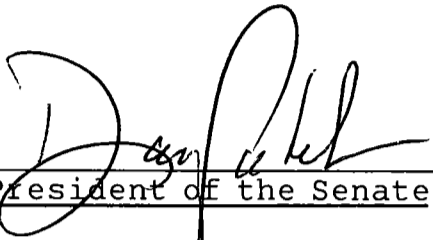
19 (21) State Highway 285 from its intersection with U.S.  
20 Highway 77 in Riviera to its intersection with the eastern  
21 municipal boundary of Hebbronville.

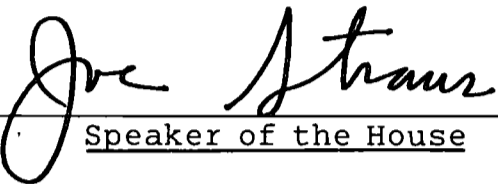
22 (h) In this section, a reference to a municipal boundary  
23 means that boundary as it exists on September 1, 2017.

24 (i) A designation of highway segments as the Tom Lea Trail  
25 may not be construed as a designation under the National Historic  
26 Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. Section 300101 et seq.).

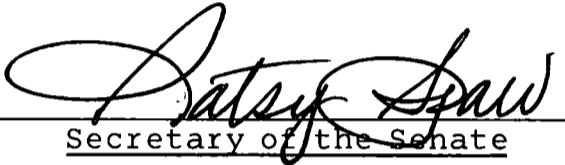
27 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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President of the Senate

  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 928 passed the Senate on May 4, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2. \_\_\_\_\_

  
Secretary of the Senate

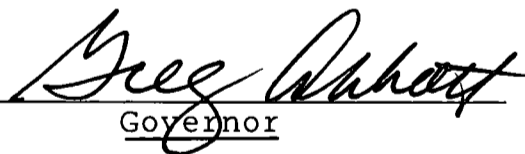
I hereby certify that S.B. No. 928 passed the House on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, two present not voting. \_\_\_\_\_

  
Chief Clerk of the House

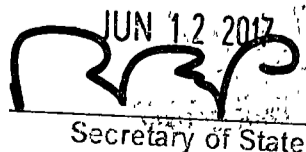
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Governor

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Secretary of State

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**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 10, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Geanie W. Morrison, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** SB928 by Rodríguez (Relating to the establishment of the Tom Lea Trail.), As Engrossed

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Government Code to require the Texas Historical Commission (THC) to develop a Tom Lea Trail Program to commemorate the life and art of Tom Lea. At a minimum, the program would include a designation of locations that are historically significant to the life and art of Tom Lea, adoption and use of an icon, symbol, or other identifying device to show a designation under the program, and the development of itineraries and maps to guide tourists to locations designated under the program. The bill would allow THC to enter into a memorandum of understanding the Economic Development and Tourism Office and the Department of Transportation to implement the program. The bill would specify that THC may solicit and accept gifts, grants, and other donations from any source to implement the program and that THC is not required to promote or market the Tom Lea Trail unless it receives funds from private entities for that purpose.

THC, the Department of Transportation, and the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor assume any costs associated with implementing the bill's provisions could be absorbed within current resources.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2017.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 300 Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor, 601 Department of Transportation, 808 Historical Commission

**LBB Staff:** UP, AG, WP, ASa, TG, LBO

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**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 21, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB928** by Rodríguez (Relating to the establishment of the Tom Lea Trail.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 17, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB928** by Rodríguez (Relating to the designation of portions of certain highways as the Tom Lea Trail.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Government Code to require the Texas Historical Commission (THC) to cooperate with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to designate, interpret, and market portions of specified highways as the Tom Lea Trail. The bill would authorize TxDOT and THC to pursue federal funds dedicated to highway enhancement for the project. The bill would specify that TxDOT is not required to design, construct, or erect a highway marker unless a grant or donation of funds is made to cover the costs.

Based on LBB's analysis of information provided by TxDOT and THC, it is assumed any costs associated with implementing the bill's provisions could be absorbed within current resources.

**Local Government Impact**

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**Source Agencies:** 601 Department of Transportation, 808 Historical Commission

**LBB Staff:** UP, AG, TG, LBO, ASa