

CHAPTER 389

H.B. No. 1533

An Act relating to the transfer of the Texas Film Commission to the Texas Economic Development Commission.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Title 83, Revised Statutes, is amended by adding Article 5187a to read as follows:

Art. 5187a. TEXAS FILM COMMISSION

Sec. 1. TRANSFER. *The Texas Film Commission is transferred from the office of the governor to the Texas Economic Development Commission.*

Sec. 2. ADVISORS. *The Texas Economic Development Commission may appoint advisors to assist that commission in the administration of this article. An advisor serves without compensation but is entitled to necessary and actual expenses incurred in performing duties for the film commission.*

Sec. 3. FILM COMMISSION POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) *The Texas Film Commission shall promote the development of the film, television, and multimedia industry in this state by informing members of that industry and the general public of the resources available in this state for film, television, and multimedia production.*

(b) *The film commission may cooperate with other state agencies as provided by The Interagency Cooperation Act (Article 4413(32), Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes). Other state agencies and political subdivisions of this state shall cooperate with the commission to the greatest extent possible to fully implement the goal of promoting the development of the film, television, and multimedia industry in this state.*

(c) *The film commission may contract and pay for the furnishing of goods and services that are necessary to accomplish the purposes of this article.*

(d) *Members of the film commission staff may travel inside or outside the state as necessary to perform their duties under this article.*

(e) *The film commission may accept gifts and grants from governmental or private sources for use in accomplishing the purposes of this article.*

Sec. 4. SUNSET PROVISION. *The Texas Film Commission is subject to the Texas Sunset Act (Article 5429k, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes). Unless continued as provided by that Act, the film commission is abolished and this article expires effective September 1, 1995.*

SECTION 2. Chapter 13, Acts of the 62nd Legislature, 4th Called Session, 1972 (Article 4413(45), Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is repealed.

SECTION 3. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 1985.

(b) The records, supplies, and other property of the Texas Film Commission shall be transferred from the office of the governor to the Texas Economic Development Commission not later than January 1, 1986.

(c) Any appropriations to the office of the governor for the Texas Film Commission are considered appropriations to the Texas Economic Development Commission for the film commission.

SECTION 4. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

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Passed by the House on April 18, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 15, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved: June 10, 1985

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