

Public Law 116–248
116th Congress

An Act

Dec. 22, 2020
[H.R. 3349]

To authorize the Daughters of the Republic of Texas to establish the Republic of Texas Legation Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Republic of Texas
Legation
Memorial Act.
40 USC 8903
note.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Republic of Texas Legation Memorial Act”.

SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH COMMEMORATIVE WORK.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Daughters of the Republic of Texas may establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia and its environs to commemorate and honor those who, as representatives of the Republic of Texas, served in the District of Columbia as diplomats to the United States and made possible the annexation of Texas as the twenty-eighth State of the United States.

(b) **COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COMMEMORATIVE WORKS.**—The establishment of the commemorative work under this section shall be in accordance with chapter 89 of title 40, United States Code (commonly known as the “Commemorative Works Act”).

(c) **PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Federal funds may not be used to pay any expense of the establishment of the commemorative work under this section.

(2) **RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS.**—The Daughters of the Republic of Texas shall be solely responsible for acceptance of contributions for, and payment of the expenses of, the establishment of the commemorative work under this section.

(d) **DEPOSIT OF EXCESS FUNDS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—If upon payment of all expenses for the establishment of the memorial (including the maintenance and preservation amount required by section 8906(b)(1) of title 40, United States Code), there remains a balance of funds received for the establishment of the commemorative work, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas shall transmit the amount of the balance to the Secretary of the Interior for deposit in the account provided for in section 8906(b)(3) of title 40, United States Code.

(2) **ON EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.**—If upon expiration of the authority for the commemorative work under section 8903(e) of title 40, United States Code, there remains a balance

of funds received for the establishment of the commemorative work, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas shall transmit the balance to a separate account with the National Park Foundation for memorials, to be available to the Secretary of the Interior or the Administrator (as appropriate) following the process provided in section 8906(b)(4) of title 40, United States Code, for accounts established under section 8906(b)(2) or (3) of title 40, United States Code.

SEC. 3. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

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