

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE

TITLE 10. PARKS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

SUBTITLE B. COUNTY PARKS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL
RESOURCES

CHAPTER 318. HISTORIC PRESERVATION BY COUNTIES

SUBCHAPTER A. COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Sec. 318.001. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "commission" means the county historical commission.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.

Sec. 318.002. ESTABLISHMENT. The commissioners court of a county may appoint a county historical commission for the purpose of initiating and conducting programs suggested by the commissioners court and the Texas Historical Commission for the preservation of the county's historic cultural resources. Programs suggested by the Texas Historical Commission must be consistent with the statewide preservation plan. In suggesting programs, the Texas Historical Commission shall consider the fiscal and human resources the county has to conduct the programs.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987. Amended by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 377, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

Sec. 318.003. COMPOSITION; TERM. (a) The commission must be composed of at least seven residents of the county. Members of the commission must be individuals who broadly reflect the age, ethnic, and geographic diversity of the county.

(b) The members of the commission shall be appointed during the month of January of odd-numbered years and are appointed for a term of two years. The commissioners court shall fill a vacancy on the commission for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(c) Each commission member must have an interest in historic preservation and an understanding of local history and resources.

(d) The commissioners court shall provide to the Texas Historical Commission a list of appointed members and the mailing address of each member.

Commission's statewide preservation plan for guidance.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 377, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

Sec. 318.0102. LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING. (a) The Texas Historical Commission shall make orientation materials and training available to all county historical commissions.

(b) The commission should strive to be represented at informational or educational meetings sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission at least twice each year.

(c) The commission, with assistance from the Texas Historical Commission, shall carry out board and volunteer training.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 377, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

Sec. 318.012. HISTORIC SITE TAX EXEMPTION. (a) The commissioners court may establish a program under which the commission:

(1) receives and reviews applications that are filed with the county and that request a property tax exemption under Section [11.24](#), Tax Code; and

(2) recommends to the commissioners court whether to grant the exemption and, if the grant of the exemption is recommended, how much of the property's assessed value should be exempt from taxation.

(b) The commission may examine the property that is granted the exemption on recommendation of the commission and recommend to the commissioners court whether the exemption should be withdrawn because of changed circumstances involving the property.

(c) A person is entitled to appear before the commissioners court and state any objections to a recommendation made by the commission under this section regarding property owned by the person.

(d) The commissioners court may require a person whose property is granted the exemption to notify the commission of any plans the person may have to modernize the property or change it in any other manner.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.