

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No.3202 of the 81st Texas Legislature, Regular Session, due to the following objections:

House Bill No. 3202 directs the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to transfer approximately 332 acres of land to Brazoria County and a fraction of an acre to the City of Houston.

House Bill No. 3202 is different from comparable legislation that transfers TDCJ land because it does not require the payment of fair market value for the land, does not exchange land for other real property and does not involve land that a local government had donated to the state for construction of a prison. In fact, House Bill No. 3202 transfers land that has been held by the state since 1918 to a county without providing any compensation to the state for the loss of the land. Because the public expects the state to be a good steward of its resources, I am vetoing House Bill No. 3202.

I encourage the county to work with TDCJ to accomplish this transfer through existing mechanisms that establish the fair market value of the land and allow state taxpayers to realize a benefit from the transfer of the land.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this the 19th day of June, 2009.

RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:
COBY SHORTER, III
Deputy Secretary of State