

One Hundred Eighth Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday,
the twentieth day of January, two thousand and four*

An Act

To amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de los
Tejas as a National Historic Trail.

*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 “El Camino Real de los Tejas
National Historic Trail Act”.

**SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF EL CAMINO REAL DE LOS TEJAS NATIONAL
HISTORIC TRAIL.**

Section 5(a) of the National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C.
1244(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(24) EL CAMINO REAL DE LOS TEJAS NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—El Camino Real de los Tejas (the Royal
Road to the Tejas) National Historic Trail, a combination of
historic routes (including the Old San Antonio Road) totaling
approximately 2,580 miles, extending from the Rio Grande
near Eagle Pass and Laredo, Texas, to Natchitoches, Louisiana,
as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘El Camino Real
de los Tejas’ contained in the report entitled ‘National Historic
Trail Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment: El
Camino Real de los Tejas, Texas-Louisiana’, dated July 1998.

“(B) MAP.—A map generally depicting the trail shall be
on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate
offices of the National Park Service.

“(C) ADMINISTRATION.—(i) The Secretary of the Interior
(referred to in this paragraph as ‘the Secretary’) shall admin-
ister the trail.

“(ii) The Secretary shall administer those portions of the
trail on non-Federal land only with the consent of the owner
of such land and when such trail portion qualifies for certifi-
cation as an officially established component of the trail, con-
sistent with section 3(a)(3). An owner’s approval of a certifi-
cation agreement shall satisfy the consent requirement. A cer-
tification agreement may be terminated at any time.

“(iii) The designation of the trail does not authorize any
person to enter private property without the consent of the
owner.

“(D) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall consult with
appropriate State and local agencies in the planning and
development of the trail.

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“(E) COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary may coordinate with United States and Mexican public and non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, and, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the Government of Mexico and its political subdivisions, for the purpose of exchanging trail information and research, fostering trail preservation and educational programs, providing technical assistance, and working to establish an international historic trail with complementary preservation and education programs in each nation.

“(F) LAND ACQUISITION.—The United States shall not acquire for the trail any land or interest in land outside the exterior boundary of any federally-administered area without the consent of the owner of the land or interest in land.”.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*