

The Sunset Review of the Veterans Land Board

The mission and performance of the Veterans Land Board are under review by the Legislature as required under the Texas Sunset Act. The Act provides that the Sunset Commission, composed of legislators and public members, periodically evaluate a state entity to determine if it is still needed and to explore ways to ensure that its funds are well spent. Unlike many state entities undergoing Sunset review, the Veterans Land Board is not subject to abolishment under the Sunset Act. However, based on the recommendations of the Sunset Commission, the Texas Legislature will ultimately decide whether changes are needed to improve the Veterans Land Board's performance.

The Sunset review involves three steps. First, Sunset Commission staff will evaluate the Veterans Land Board and issue a report in July 2018 recommending solutions to problems found. A month or so later, the Sunset Commission will meet to hear public testimony on the Veterans Land Board and the recommendations of the Sunset staff. Based on public input and the Sunset staff report, the Sunset Commission will adopt recommendations for the full Legislature to consider when it convenes in January 2019. Please refer to the Sunset Commission website or call the office for updated information on specific dates for these meetings.

Through the Sunset review, every Texan has the opportunity to suggest ways in which the mission and operations of the Veterans Land Board can be strengthened. If you would like to share your ideas about the board, please send an email to the address below, use the comment form on the Sunset Commission website, or contact Skylar Stephens of the Sunset staff. Suggestions are preferred by **May 11, 2018** so they can be fully considered by the Commission staff.

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