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H.B. No. 4421

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to qualifications for and limitations on awarding the
3 Texas Legislative Medal of Honor.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 437.351, Government Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (e) to read as
7 follows:

8 (d) The legislature by concurrent resolution may direct the
9 governor to award the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor to a service
10 member nominated by the nominating committee. The committee chairs
11 serving on the nominating committee shall jointly prepare a
12 concurrent resolution directing the governor to award the medal to
13 a service member nominated. The legislature may direct the medal to
14 be awarded only during a regular session and may not, during a
15 regular session, direct the medal to be awarded to more than:

16 (1) one service member for service in the state or
17 federal military forces during the period beginning after 1835 but
18 before September 11, 2001 [~~1956~~]; and

19 (2) one service member for service in the state or
20 federal military forces on or after September 11, 2001 [~~1955~~].

21 (e) Notwithstanding Subsections (a) and (c), the Texas
22 Legislative Medal of Honor shall be awarded to a resident of this
23 state who receives the Congressional Medal of Honor. A Texas
24 Legislative Medal of Honor awarded under this subsection is not

1 included for purposes of determining the number of medals that may
2 be awarded under Subsection (d).

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.