

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current law, grave spaces in the Texas State Cemetery are allotted for certain eligible persons. The list of eligible persons includes former members of the legislature, former elected state officials, and certain former appointed officials. Although current members of the legislature, current elected state officials, and certain current appointed officials will clearly be eligible for burial in the state cemetery, the law as presently worded does not allow these persons to have grave spaces allotted while they hold office, since at the present time they do not fall under the definition of "eligible for burial." H.B. 2562 allows such persons to be allotted grave spaces for themselves and eligible family members.

In addition, current law provides that, under certain circumstances, an eligible person's unmarried child may be allotted a grave space in the state cemetery if the child is, or has been, a resident in a state eleemosynary institution. H.B. 2562 also expands the eligibility criteria to include children who are, or have been, residents of state-operated or state-licensed eleemosynary institutions.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2165.256(f), Government Code, to provide that grave spaces are allotted for: a person who is eligible or who clearly will be eligible for burial under Subsection (d); the person's spouse; and the person's unmarried child, if the child, on September 1, 1979, or at the time of the child's death, is a resident in a state-operated or state-licensed, rather than state, eleemosynary institution.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.