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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2938:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the designation and duties of the state historian.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 3104, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 3104. POET LAUREATE, STATE MUSICIAN, STATE HISTORIAN, AND
STATE ARTISTS

SECTION 2. Sections 3104.001-3104.007, Government Code, are designated as Subchapter A, Chapter 3104, Government Code, and a subchapter heading is added to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER A. POET LAUREATE, STATE MUSICIAN, AND STATE ARTISTS

SECTION 3. Chapter 3104, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter B to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER B. TEXAS STATE HISTORIAN

Sec. 3104.051. STATE HISTORIAN. (a) The Texas Historical Commission and the Texas State Historical Association shall designate a state historian. If the entities cannot agree on the designation, each entity shall submit a candidate to the Philosophical Society of Texas and the Philosophical Society of Texas shall make the designation.

(b) The duties of the state historian include:

(1) enhancing the knowledge of Texans regarding the history and heritage of this state;

(2) encouraging the teaching of Texas history in

1 public schools;

2 (3) consulting with the governor, the lieutenant
3 governor, and the legislature on matters related to the promotion
4 of Texas history; and

5 (4) lecturing on matters of Texas history within the
6 state historian's area of expertise.

7 (c) The state historian may not receive compensation or
8 reimbursement for expenses from the state for serving as state
9 historian.

10 (d) The governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker
11 of the house of representatives, or their appointees, shall honor
12 the person designated as state historian in a ceremony at the
13 Capitol.

14 (e) A person designated as the state historian retains the
15 designation for four years from the date of the designation
16 ceremony.

17 (f) The state historian may use the facilities and resources
18 of the Texas Historical Commission in Austin.

19 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.