

By: Hilderbran

H.B. No. 2938

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 through 3104.007, Government Code, are redesignated as Subchapter A, Chapter 3104, Government Code, and a heading is added to that subchapter 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 state historian shall be appointed by the Texas Historical Commission and the Texas State Historical Association. If the entities cannot agree on a nominee, each shall submit one candidate to the Philosophical Society of Texas, which shall make the designation.

(b) The duties of the state historian shall include:

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

(2) encouraging the teaching of Texas history in public schools;

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

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

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

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

13 (e) An individual designated as the state historian retains
14 the designation for four years from the date of the ceremony.

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