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H.B. No. 2139

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the designation of state musicians for classical and nonclassical genres.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3104.002, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3104.002. DESIGNATING POET LAUREATE, STATE MUSICIANS [~~MUSICIAN~~], AND STATE ARTISTS. (a) The committee shall designate:

- (1) a Texas poet laureate;
- (2) a Texas state musician for the classical genre;
- (3) a Texas state musician for the nonclassical genre;
- (4) [~~(3)~~] a Texas state artist for two-dimensional media; and
- (5) [~~(4)~~] a Texas state artist for three-dimensional media.

(b) The committee shall choose the poet laureate, state musicians [~~musician~~], and state artists from a list of persons submitted by the commission.

SECTION 2. The heading to Chapter 3104, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 3104. POET LAUREATE, STATE MUSICIANS [~~MUSICIAN~~], STATE HISTORIAN, AND STATE ARTISTS

SECTION 3. The heading to Subchapter A, Chapter 3104, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 SUBCHAPTER A. POET LAUREATE, STATE MUSICIANS [~~MUSICIAN~~], AND STATE
2 ARTISTS

3 SECTION 4. Sections 3104.004(a) and (c), Government Code,
4 are amended to read as follows:

5 (a) The commission shall solicit nominations from the arts
6 and cultural community for the poet laureate, state musicians
7 [~~musician~~], and state artists. The commission shall use the
8 commission's Texas Cultural & Arts Network, the media, public
9 meetings, newsletters, the Writer's League of Texas, and other
10 appropriate methods to distribute information about the nomination
11 process.

12 (c) The commission may assemble a group of artists,
13 musicians, writers, scholars, and other appropriate experts in the
14 fields of literature, music, and visual arts to:

15 (1) review the submissions from the nominated poets,
16 musicians, and artists; and

17 (2) provide advice and recommendations to the
18 commission on who should be considered for designation as poet
19 laureate, state musicians [~~musician~~], and state artists.

20 SECTION 5. Section 3104.005, Government Code, is amended to
21 read as follows:

22 Sec. 3104.005. DESIGNATION CEREMONY. The governor and
23 members of the committee shall honor the persons designated as poet
24 laureate, state musicians [~~musician~~], and state artists in a
25 ceremony at the Capitol.

26 SECTION 6. Section 3104.006, Government Code, is amended to
27 read as follows:

1 Sec. 3104.006. DURATION OF DESIGNATION. A person
2 designated as the poet laureate, a [~~the~~] state musician, or a state
3 artist retains the designation for one year from the date of the
4 designation ceremony.

5 SECTION 7. Section [3104.007](#), Government Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 3104.007. PAY AND EMOLUMENTS PROHIBITED. A person
8 designated as the poet laureate, a [~~the~~] state musician, or a state
9 artist does not receive any pay or emolument based on that
10 designation.

11 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.