

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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S.B. 281  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

The Texas State Musician is an award given to Texan artists annually by nomination. The State Musician Committee chooses a one-year appointment from the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) submitted list of finalists. Although the TCA nominated numerous classical musicians for designation as the Texas state musician in the past, including many with global recognition, it has been difficult for classical musicians to compete with the likes of Willie Nelson, Lyle Lovett, and George Strait.

S.B. 281 would establish two distinct designations for Texas state musicians: classical and nonclassical. This change would allow Texan classical musicians to be recognized as Texas state musicians regularly and promote their outstanding work.

As proposed, S.B. 281 amends current law relating to the designation of state musicians for classical and nonclassical genres.

### **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 3104.002, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 3104.002. New heading: DESIGNATING POET LAUREATE, STATE MUSICIANS, AND STATE ARTISTS. (a) Requires the Texas Poet Laureate, State Musician, and State Artist Committee to designate:

- (1) makes no changes to this subdivision;
- (2) a Texas state musician for the classical genre;
- (3) a Texas state musician for the nonclassical genre; and
- (4)-(5) makes nonsubstantive changes to these subdivisions.

(b) Makes a conforming change to this subsection.

SECTION 2. Amends the heading to Chapter 3104, Government Code, to read as follows:

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

SECTION 3. Amends the heading to Subchapter A, Chapter 3104, Government Code, to read as follows:

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

SECTION 4. Amends Sections 3104.004(a) and (c), Government Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 5. Amends Section 3104.005, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 3104.005. DESIGNATION CEREMONY. Makes a conforming change to this section.

SECTION 6. Amends Section 3104.006, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 3104.006. DURATION OF DESIGNATION. Makes a conforming change to this section.

SECTION 7. Amends Section 3104.007, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 3104.007. PAY AND EMOLUMENTS PROHIBITED. Makes a conforming change to this section.

SECTION 8. Effective date: September 1, 2023.