By:  Zaffirini S.B. No. 281

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COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hall            X

Springer                  X

Alvarado        X

Johnson         X

Menéndez        X

Middleton       X

Parker          X

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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 7.  Section 3104.007, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

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

SECTION 8.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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