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S.B. No. 281

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:

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, 2023.