

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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 281 passed the Senate on April 3, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 281 passed the House on May 6, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 107, Nays 27, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor