

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 281
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 14, 2022;
1-3 February 15, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Administration; March 30, 2023, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; March 30, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Hall	X			
1-8 Springer			X	
1-9 Alvarado	X			
1-10 Johnson	X			
1-11 Menéndez	X			
1-12 Middleton	X			
1-13 Parker	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the designation of state musicians for classical and
1-18 nonclassical genres.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 3104.002, Government Code, is amended to
1-21 read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 3104.002. DESIGNATING POET LAUREATE, STATE MUSICIANS
1-23 [~~MUSICIAN~~], AND STATE ARTISTS. (a) The committee shall designate:

1-24 (1) a Texas poet laureate;

1-25 (2) a Texas state musician for the classical genre;

1-26 (3) a Texas state musician for the nonclassical genre;

1-27 (4) [~~(3)~~] a Texas state artist for two-dimensional
1-28 media; and

1-29 (5) [~~(4)~~] a Texas state artist for three-dimensional
1-30 media.

1-31 (b) The committee shall choose the poet laureate, state
1-32 musicians [~~musician~~], and state artists from a list of persons
1-33 submitted by the commission.

1-34 SECTION 2. The heading to Chapter 3104, Government Code, is
1-35 amended to read as follows:

1-36 CHAPTER 3104. POET LAUREATE, STATE MUSICIANS [~~MUSICIAN~~], STATE
1-37 HISTORIAN, AND STATE ARTISTS

1-38 SECTION 3. The heading to Subchapter A, Chapter 3104,
1-39 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-40 SUBCHAPTER A. POET LAUREATE, STATE MUSICIANS [~~MUSICIAN~~], AND STATE
1-41 ARTISTS

1-42 SECTION 4. Sections 3104.004(a) and (c), Government Code,
1-43 are amended to read as follows:

1-44 (a) The commission shall solicit nominations from the arts
1-45 and cultural community for the poet laureate, state musicians
1-46 [~~musician~~], and state artists. The commission shall use the
1-47 commission's Texas Cultural & Arts Network, the media, public
1-48 meetings, newsletters, the Writer's League of Texas, and other
1-49 appropriate methods to distribute information about the nomination
1-50 process.

1-51 (c) The commission may assemble a group of artists,
1-52 musicians, writers, scholars, and other appropriate experts in the
1-53 fields of literature, music, and visual arts to:

1-54 (1) review the submissions from the nominated poets,
1-55 musicians, and artists; and

1-56 (2) provide advice and recommendations to the
1-57 commission on who should be considered for designation as poet
1-58 laureate, state musicians [~~musician~~], and state artists.

1-59 SECTION 5. Section 3104.005, Government Code, is amended to
1-60 read as follows:

1-61 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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