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H.B. No. 582

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to proper etiquette during the recitation of the pledge of allegiance to the state flag.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 3100.104, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3100.104. RECITING PLEDGE. If the pledge to the state flag is recited, each person who is present and:

(1) not in uniform should:

(A) face the state flag and stand at attention with the person's right hand:

(i) over the heart; or

(ii) extended toward the flag at waist level with the elbow bent and the palm facing upward;

(B) if wearing a head covering that is easy to remove, remove that head covering with the right hand and hold it at the person's left shoulder, with the person's hand over the heart; and

(C) recite the pledge;

(2) not in uniform and a member of the armed forces or a veteran may make the military salute and recite the pledge; or

(3) in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and make the military salute.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.