

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2139  
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Culture, Recreation & Tourism  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

The selection of the Texas state musician has allowed the state legislature to recognize the outstanding contributions made by the state's amazing artists. Unfortunately, although numerous classical musicians have been nominated for designation as the Texas state musician, including many with international recognition, it has been difficult for them to compete with the likes of Willie Nelson, Lyle Lovett, and George Strait. H.B. 2139 seeks to address this issue by providing for a Texas state musician for the classical genre and a Texas state musician for the nonclassical genre.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2139 amends the Government Code to split the designation of the Texas state musician into two designations as follows:

- a Texas state musician for the classical genre; and
- a Texas state musician for the nonclassical genre.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2021.