

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, there is no provision in Texas law providing for the design and manufacture of an official state lapel pin or official state ring available for purchase by legislators and former legislators. The United States government, as well as many state governments, offer special legislative insignia for sale to members of their legislative bodies. This bill would authorize the General Services Commission to contract with a privately owned business for the design and manufacture of a ring and lapel for sale to legislators and former legislators. In addition, this bill would require purchasers to use personal funds and require profits to be deposited to the credit of the Texas preservation trust fund.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 819 authorizes the General Services Commission to negotiate and contract with a privately owned business entity to design and manufacture an official state ring and lapel pin for sale only to members and former members of the legislature.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 2172, Government Code, by adding Section 2172.006, as follows:

Sec. 2172.006. MANUFACTURING AND SALE OF CERTAIN COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS. Authorizes the General Services Commission (commission), notwithstanding any other provision of law, to negotiate and contract with a privately owned business entity for the design and manufacture of an official state lapel and an official state ring pin for purchase by members and former members of the legislature. Authorizes only a member or former member of the legislature to purchase an official state lapel pin or ring manufactured under this section. Requires the member or former member to use the member's or former member's personal funds for the purchase. Requires the commission to deposit any money it receives as royalties or profits from the sale of items under this section to the credit of the Texas preservation trust fund.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.