

GOVERNMENT CODE

SUBTITLE Z. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 391. RESOLUTIONS FOR STATE SYMBOLS AND PLACE DESIGNATIONS

Sec. 391.001. EFFECT OF CHAPTER. (a) This chapter governs the designation of state symbols and place designations made by the legislature by resolution approved by each house of the legislature.

(b) This chapter does not affect the designation of a state symbol or a place designation made by:

- (1) resolution before September 1, 2001; or
- (2) statute.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 395, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

Sec. 391.002. STATE SYMBOLS. (a) The legislature must specify an item's historical or cultural significance to the state before designating the item as a state symbol.

(b) The legislature may not designate any of the following as a state symbol:

(1) a commercial product or an item that promotes or advocates the use of a commercial product;

(2) an individual;

(3) an event; or

(4) a place.

(c) To be effective, a resolution proposing designation of an object as a state symbol must be referred to and reported by the appropriate committee in each house in the manner provided for bills.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 395, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

Sec. 391.003. PLACE DESIGNATIONS. (a) In this section, "place designation" means a special observance by the legislature that recognizes and honors an event or location in this state, including a municipality or county.

(b) The legislature may not assign the same place designation to more than one event or location.

(c) The legislature may not assign more than one place designation to any municipality, county, or other location. This subsection does not prohibit the legislature from assigning more than one place designation within a county.

(d) Before the legislature may assign a place designation to a municipality, county, or other location, the legislature must be presented by persons supporting the designation with:

(1) information related to the historical or cultural significance of the event or location to be designated; and

(2) documentation that a local chamber of commerce or a locally elected governmental body representing the municipality, county, or other location to be designated supports the designation.

(e) A place designation expires on the 10th anniversary of its designation. This subsection does not prevent the legislature from redesignating a place designation during or after the 10-year period.

(f) To be effective, a resolution proposing a place designation must be referred to and reported by the appropriate committee in each house in the manner provided for bills.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 395, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.