

GOVERNMENT CODE

CHAPTER 3102. TEXAS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Sec. 3102.001. TEXAS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL. The Texas Distinguished Service Medal may be awarded to recognize persons who reside in this state and who have achieved such conspicuous success while performing outstanding service to the state and its citizens as to reflect great credit on themselves, their professions, and the state.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1420, Sec. 7.001, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

Sec. 3102.002. TEXAS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS COMMITTEE: DUTIES. The Texas Distinguished Service Awards Committee shall consider and approve or reject, by majority vote, recommendations for the award of the medal.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1420, Sec. 7.001, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

Sec. 3102.003. AWARDS COMMITTEE: MEMBERSHIP; TERMS; PRESIDING OFFICER; REIMBURSEMENT. (a) The committee consists of five members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate.

(b) Committee members serve staggered six-year terms with the terms of one or two members expiring each odd-numbered year.

(c) The committee shall select one of its members to act as presiding officer of the committee for a term of one year, or until a successor is selected and has qualified.

(d) Members of the committee serve without pay but are entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1420, Sec. 7.001, eff. Sept. 1, 2001. Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1170, Sec. 11.01, eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

Sec. 3102.004. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AWARDS. Any person who has personal knowledge of an achievement or service believed to merit the award of the medal may submit a letter of recommendation to the committee. The letter must give an account of that achievement or service and be accompanied by statements, affidavits, records, photographs, or other material as may be required to support and amplify the facts stated.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1420, Sec. 7.001, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

Sec. 3102.005. LIMITATION ON AWARDS. (a) Not more than five persons may receive the medal in a calendar year, except that, in exceptional circumstances, the governor may award one or more additional medals if authorized by concurrent resolution of the legislature.

(b) Not more than 10 awards of the medal may be made for achievement attained or service provided before May 1, 1969.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1420, Sec. 7.001, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

Sec. 3102.006. PRESENTATION. The governor shall present the medal to each recipient in an appropriate ceremony.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1420, Sec. 7.001, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

Sec. 3102.007. DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE. (a) The medal shall:

(1) display the state seal with the words "Distinguished Service Medal" engraved in a circle; and

(2) be suspended from a bar of red, white, and blue.

(b) The governor shall approve the design and authorize the casting of the medal in any manner the governor considers proper.

(c) The cost of acquiring the medal shall be paid from funds appropriated by the legislature to the governor's office.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1420, Sec. 7.001, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.