

GOVERNMENT CODE

CHAPTER 3103. STATE OF TEXAS ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE DAY MEDAL

Sec. 3103.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Committee" means the State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance Day Medal Committee.

(2) "Medal" means the State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance Day Medal.

Added by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1276, Sec. 9.023(a), eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

Sec. 3103.002. CRITERIA FOR AWARDING MEDAL. The medal shall be awarded to a resident of this state who:

(1) in an exemplary fashion, has displayed a commitment to the pioneer service principles of duty, honor, faith, and devotion to country and family; and

(2) through public service, has made outstanding contributions in pioneering the development, growth, and progress of this state.

Added by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1276, Sec. 9.023(a), eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

Sec. 3103.003. AWARDS COMMITTEE. (a) The committee consists of seven 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 two or three members expiring on January 31 of each odd-numbered year.

(c) A vacancy on the committee shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as other appointments to the committee.

(d) The governor shall appoint the presiding officer to serve in that capacity for one year.

(e) Members of the committee serve without pay.

Added by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1276, Sec. 9.023(a), eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

Sec. 3103.004. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEDAL. (a) A person may submit to the committee a letter recommending for the medal a person in public service if the person submitting the letter:

(1) has personal knowledge of outstanding contributions the recommended person has made in pioneering the development, growth, and progress of this state; and

(2) believes that those contributions merit awarding the medal.

(b) The letter of recommendation:

(1) must describe the outstanding contributions on which the recommendation is based; and

(2) may include statements, affidavits, records, photographs, or other material to support and amplify stated facts.

Added by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1276, Sec. 9.023(a), eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

Sec. 3103.005. AWARDING MEDAL. (a) The committee shall review and may approve the recommendations submitted under Section 3103.004.

(b) The committee may award not more than five medals in a calendar year, except as provided by Section 3103.006 and except that, in exceptional circumstances, the legislature by concurrent resolution may authorize the governor to award one or more additional medals.

Added by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1276, Sec. 9.023(a), eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

Sec. 3103.006. AWARDING MEDAL FOR PRIOR SERVICE. The committee may award not more than 10 medals for achievement attained or service provided before September 1, 2001.

Added by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1276, Sec. 9.023(a), eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

Sec. 3103.007. PRESENTATION OF MEDAL. The governor shall present the medal to a recipient in an appropriate ceremony.

Added by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1276, Sec. 9.023(a), eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

Sec. 3103.008. DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE. (a) The medal must display the bust of James Pinckney Henderson with the words "State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance Day Medal" engraved in a circle.

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

(c) The medal shall be suspended from a ribbon of red, white, and blue and worn around the recipient's neck.

Added by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1276, Sec. 9.023(a), eff. Sept.

1, 2003.

Sec. 3103.009. FUNDING. The STAR Day Foundation shall provide for funding the medal through pledges, gifts, donations, or endowments from private sources on the foundation's behalf.

Added by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1276, Sec. 9.023(a), eff. Sept. 1, 2003.