

Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

HB 513 — State Poet Laureate

by Rep. Raulerson and others (SB 290 by Senators Hukill, Brandes, and Detert)

The bill creates the position of State Poet Laureate within the Department of State and provides requirements for the selection, terms of service, and duties of the position. The bill assigns the nomination process for the State Poet Laureate to the Florida Council on Arts and Culture and expands the duties of the Council to include certain responsibilities related to the promotion of poetry.

The bill grants the Department of State rulemaking authority to implement the bill's provisions.

The bill also provides for the designation of past State Poets Laureate as State Poets Laureate Emeritus or Emerita.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2014.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 116-0