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H.B. No. 60

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the qualifications for membership on the Parks and  
3 Wildlife Commission.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 11.012(d), Parks and Wildlife Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (d) In making appointments under this section, the  
8 governor:

9 (1) shall:

10 (A) attempt to include persons with expertise in  
11 diverse fields, including fields such as historic preservation,  
12 conservation, and outdoor recreation; and

13 (B) consider the commission's composition in  
14 terms of:

15 (i) the geographical areas represented by  
16 members of the commission; and

17 (ii) the appropriate balance of  
18 representatives from rural and urban areas; and

19 (2) may include persons who have an interest in and  
20 knowledge of hunting, fishing, wildlife, environmental concerns,  
21 land or water use issues, or water quality issues.

22 SECTION 2. (a) As soon as possible on or after November 1,  
23 2003, the governor shall appoint nine members to the Parks and  
24 Wildlife Commission under Section 11.012, Parks and Wildlife Code,

1 as amended by this Act. The governor shall designate:

2 (1) three members, including one public member, for  
3 terms expiring February 1, 2005;

4 (2) three members, including one public member, for  
5 terms expiring February 1, 2007; and

6 (3) three members, including one public member, for  
7 terms expiring February 1, 2009.

8 (b) The governor may reappoint a person who served as a  
9 member of the Parks and Wildlife Commission before November 1,  
10 2003.

11 (c) The position of a member of the Parks and Wildlife  
12 Commission serving immediately before November 1, 2003, is  
13 abolished at the time five or more of the newly appointed directors  
14 qualify for office. Until the abolition of the members' positions  
15 occurs under this section, the members serving immediately before  
16 November 1, 2003, have the same powers and duties that the members  
17 had immediately before that date and the commission continues to be  
18 composed in the way it was composed before that date, and the former  
19 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect November 1, 2003.