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H.B. No. 608

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the selection of alternate public members to serve on
3 the committee to review salaries and expenses of elected county or
4 precinct officers.

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

6 SECTION 1. Sections 152.015(b) and (d), Local Government
7 Code, are amended to read as follows:

8 (b) Before the meeting, the county clerk shall place on a
9 separate slip the name of each person who served on a grand jury in
10 the county during the preceding calendar year. At the meeting the
11 slips shall be folded, placed in an appropriate container, and
12 mixed. The county judge shall draw at random a number of slips
13 equal to the number of public members needed for the committee and
14 shall announce the names on the slips. At the meeting the county
15 judge may repeat this process and make a list of alternates. A
16 person whose name is drawn becomes a member of the committee or an
17 alternate on submitting written acceptance to the clerk. If a
18 person refuses or is unable to serve on the committee, a replacement
19 shall be appointed from the list of alternates. If the list of
20 alternates is exhausted or does not exist, a replacement shall be
21 selected at the next regular or called commissioners court meeting
22 by random selection of a slip from the remaining slips. This
23 process shall be repeated until the required number of public
24 members is selected.

1 (d) A vacancy in a public member position shall be filled
2 for the unexpired part of the term by appointment from the list of
3 alternates. If the list of alternates is exhausted or does not
4 exist, a replacement shall be filled by random selection of a slip
5 from the remaining slips at a meeting of the commissioners court.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.