

1-1 By: Crownover (Senate Sponsor - Fraser) H.B. No. 948  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 14, 2003;  
1-3 April 15, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
1-4 Affairs; May 21, 2003, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;  
1-6 May 21, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 948 By: Fraser

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the composition of the Texas Racing Commission.  
1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-12 SECTION 1. Section 2.02(a), Texas Racing Act (Article 179e,  
1-13 Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:  
1-14 (a) The commission consists of seven [~~six~~] members  
1-15 appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate  
1-16 and two ex officio members who shall have the right to vote. The ex  
1-17 officio members are:  
1-18 (1) the chairman of the Public Safety Commission or a  
1-19 member of the Public Safety Commission designated by the chairman  
1-20 of the Public Safety Commission; and  
1-21 (2) the comptroller of public accounts or the  
1-22 comptroller's designee.  
1-23 SECTION 2. Section 2.03(a), Texas Racing Act (Article 179e,  
1-24 Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:  
1-25 (a) Appointed members hold office for staggered terms of six  
1-26 years with two or three members' terms expiring February 1 of each  
1-27 odd-numbered year. A member holds office until that member's  
1-28 successor is appointed and qualifies.  
1-29 SECTION 3. Section 2.05(a), Texas Racing Act (Article 179e,  
1-30 Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:  
1-31 (a) Five [~~Four~~] of the appointed members of the commission  
1-32 must be representatives of the general public and have general  
1-33 knowledge of business or agribusiness. At least one of those  
1-34 appointed members may be a veterinarian, and being licensed as a  
1-35 veterinarian satisfies the requirement that the person have general  
1-36 knowledge of business or agribusiness. One additional appointed  
1-37 member must have special knowledge or experience related to  
1-38 greyhound racing and one additional appointed member must have  
1-39 special knowledge or experience related to horse racing. A person  
1-40 is not eligible for appointment as a member of the commission if the  
1-41 person or the person's spouse:  
1-42 (1) is licensed by the commission, except as a  
1-43 commissioner;  
1-44 (2) is employed by the commission or participates in  
1-45 the management of a business entity or other organization regulated  
1-46 by the commission or receiving funds from or through the  
1-47 commission;  
1-48 (3) owns or controls, directly or indirectly, more  
1-49 than a 10 percent interest in a business entity or other  
1-50 organization regulated by the commission or receiving funds from or  
1-51 through the commission; or  
1-52 (4) uses or receives a substantial amount of tangible  
1-53 goods, services, or funds from or through the commission, other  
1-54 than compensation or reimbursement authorized by law for commission  
1-55 membership, attendance, or expenses.  
1-56 SECTION 4. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.  
1-57 (b) The change in law made by this Act relating to the  
1-58 qualifications for membership on the Texas Racing Commission does  
1-59 not affect the eligibility of a member of the commission serving  
1-60 immediately before the effective date of this Act to continue to  
1-61 serve on the commission for the term to which the member was  
1-62 appointed. As soon as possible on or after September 1, 2003, the  
1-63 governor shall appoint an additional public member to the Texas

2-1 Racing Commission for a term expiring on February 1, 2009.

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