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H.B. No. 1963

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the composition of the State Board for Educator  
3 Certification.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 21.033(a), Education Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (a) The State Board for Educator Certification is composed  
8 of 15 members. The commissioner of education shall appoint an  
9 employee of the agency to represent the commissioner as a nonvoting  
10 member. The commissioner of higher education shall appoint an  
11 employee of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to  
12 represent the commissioner as a nonvoting member. The governor  
13 shall appoint a dean of a college of education in this state as a  
14 nonvoting member. The remaining 12 members are appointed by the  
15 governor with the advice and consent of the senate, as follows:

16 (1) six [~~four~~] members must be teachers employed in  
17 public schools;

18 (2) two members must be public school administrators;

19 (3) one member must be a public school counselor; and

20 (4) three [~~five~~] members must be citizens, two [~~three~~]  
21 of whom are not and have not, in the five years preceding  
22 appointment, been employed by a public school district or by an  
23 educator preparation program in an institution of higher education  
24 and one [~~two~~] of whom is [~~are~~] not and has [~~have~~] not been employed

1 by a public school district or by an educator preparation program in  
2 an institution of higher education.

3 SECTION 2. (a) The position on the State Board for Educator  
4 Certification that is filled by a citizen member and has a term  
5 scheduled to expire February 1, 2005, is abolished September 1,  
6 2003.

7 (b) One of the two positions on the State Board for Educator  
8 Certification that is filled by a citizen member and has a term  
9 scheduled to expire February 1, 2007, is abolished September 1,  
10 2003. The two citizen members shall draw lots to determine which  
11 position is abolished under this subsection.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.