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H.B. No. 2873

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to representation of constituents on local governing
3 bodies.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 180, Local Government Code, is amended
6 by adding Section 180.005 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 180.005. APPOINTMENTS TO LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES. (a)
8 In this section, "local government" means a county, municipality,
9 or other political subdivision of this state.

10 (b) An appointment to the governing body of a local
11 government must be made with the intent to ensure that the governing
12 body is representative of the constituency served by the governing
13 body.

14 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to an appointment made on
15 or after the effective date of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.