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H.B. No. 3254

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Department of Economic Development.

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

SECTION 1. Section 481.004, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Section 481.004. Governing Board

(a) The governing board is composed of five [~~nine~~] public members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, which members shall be appointed to give geographical representation on the governing board to all regions of the state.

(b) Members of the governing board serve for six-year terms with the terms of three members expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

(c) Appointments to the governing board shall be made without regard to the race, color, handicap, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointees.

(d) In making appointments under this section, the governor shall attempt to include members of different minority groups including females, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, and persons who are disabled.

(e) At least one member of the governing board must [~~be a resident of a county with a population of less than 30,000, at least one other member must have experience in international trade, at least one other member must~~] have experience in tourism[, ~~and at~~

1 ~~least one other member must be an economic development~~  
2 ~~practitioner].~~

3 SECTION 2. This bill takes effect September 1, 2003.