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S.B. No. 546

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to governance of the Texas School for the Deaf.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 30.052(a) and (b), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The Texas School for the Deaf is governed by an 11-member [~~a nine-member~~] board appointed by the governor in accordance with this section and confirmed by the senate. A person may not serve simultaneously on the school's governing board and the board of the Texas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Except as provided by Subdivision (4), each [~~Each~~] member of the board must be a person who is experienced in working with persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, a person who is the parent of a person who is deaf, or a person who is deaf. The board, at least six [~~five~~] of whom must be deaf, consists of:

(1) at least one person who is an alumnus of the Texas School for the Deaf;

(2) at least three persons who are parents of a deaf person; [~~and~~]

(3) at least three persons who are experienced in working with deaf persons; and

(4) two members of the public.

(b) Members of the board serve for terms of six years, with the terms of three or four members expiring on January 31 of each

1 odd-numbered year.

2 SECTION 2. Not later than January 31, 2004, the governor
3 shall appoint two members of the public to the governing board of
4 the Texas School for the Deaf as provided by Section 30.052(a),
5 Education Code, as amended by this Act. Notwithstanding Section
6 30.052(b), Education Code, as amended by this Act, the governor
7 shall designate one of those persons to serve a term expiring
8 January 31, 2009, and one of those persons to serve a term expiring
9 January 31, 2007.

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