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S.B. No. 904

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the appointment by the governor of the presiding
3 officers of the governing bodies of state agencies.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 651, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Section 651.008 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 651.008. APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDING OFFICERS BY THE
8 GOVERNOR. (a) In this section, "state agency" means a department,
9 commission, board, office, council, authority, or other agency in
10 the executive branch of state government that is created by the
11 constitution or a statute of this state, including a university
12 system or institution of higher education as defined by Section
13 61.003, Education Code.

14 (b) Notwithstanding other law, the governor shall designate
15 a member of the governing body of each state agency as the presiding
16 officer of that governing body to serve in that capacity at the
17 pleasure of the governor.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.