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S.B. No. 1594

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Texas State Guard.

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

SECTION 1. Section 431.051, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 431.051. SUPPLEMENTAL VOLUNTEER MILITARY FORCES ~~[MILITIA]~~. To provide mission-ready volunteer military forces ~~[militia strength]~~ for use by the state in homeland security and community service activities as a supplement to the Texas National Guard, the Texas State Guard exists as part of the state militia under the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and a defense force under 32 U.S.C. Section 109.

SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 431.052, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) To volunteer for service in the Texas State Guard a person must:

(1) be a ~~[state]~~ citizen of the United States and a resident of this state for at least 180 days;

(2) be at least 17 years of age;

(3) meet qualifications that the governor prescribes;
and

(4) be acceptable to and approved by the governor or adjutant general under the governor's direction.

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