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S.B. No. 1890

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the members of the boards of regents of The University of Texas System and The Texas A&M University System.

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

SECTION 1. Section 65.12, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 65.12. QUALIFICATIONS; TERMS. (a) Each member of the board must ~~[shall]~~ be a qualified voter ~~[, and the members shall be selected from different portions of the state]~~. The members hold office for staggered terms of six years, with the terms of three members expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year ~~[years]~~.

(b) The governor shall appoint three members of the board to represent the state at large and one member to represent each of the regions described by Section 65.121.

(c) A member of the board appointed under Subsection (b) to represent a region must have resided in the region for the two years preceding the date of the member's appointment and must continue to reside in the region during the member's term.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 65, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 65.121 to read as follows:

Sec. 65.121. BOARD MEMBER REGIONS. (a) Region 1 is composed of Andrews, Archer, Armstrong, Bailey, Bandera, Baylor, Borden, Bosque, Brewster, Briscoe, Brown, Callahan, Carson, Castro, Childress, Clay, Cochran, Coke, Coleman, Collingsworth,

1 Comanche, Concho, Cottle, Crane, Crockett, Crosby, Culberson,
2 Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Eastland, Ector,
3 Edwards, El Paso, Erath, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Gaines, Garza,
4 Gillespie, Glasscock, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hamilton, Hansford,
5 Hardeman, Hartley, Haskell, Hemphill, Hockley, Hood, Howard,
6 Hudspeth, Hutchinson, Irion, Jack, Jeff Davis, Jones, Kent, Kerr,
7 Kimble, King, Knox, Lamb, Lipscomb, Llano, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn,
8 McCulloch, Martin, Mason, Menard, Midland, Mills, Mitchell,
9 Montague, Moore, Motley, Nolan, Ochiltree, Oldham, Palo Pinto,
10 Parker, Parmer, Pecos, Potter, Presidio, Randall, Reagan, Real,
11 Reeves, Roberts, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher, Scurry,
12 Shackelford, Sherman, Somervell, Stephens, Sterling, Stonewall,
13 Sutton, Swisher, Taylor, Terrell, Terry, Throckmorton, Tom Green,
14 Upton, Ward, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger, Winkler, Wise, Yoakum,
15 and Young counties.

16 (b) Region 2 is composed of Collin, Dallas, Denton, and
17 Tarrant counties.

18 (c) Region 3 is composed of Anderson, Angelina, Austin,
19 Bowie, Brazos, Burleson, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Colorado,
20 Cooke, Delta, Ellis, Fannin, Franklin, Freestone, Grayson, Gregg,
21 Grimes, Hardin, Harrison, Henderson, Hill, Hopkins, Houston, Hunt,
22 Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Kaufman, Lamar, Leon, Liberty,
23 Limestone, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Morris, Nacogdoches,
24 Navarro, Newton, Orange, Panola, Polk, Rains, Red River, Robertson,
25 Rockwall, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Smith,
26 Titus, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Van Zandt, Walker, Waller,
27 Washington, and Wood counties.

1 (d) Region 4 is composed of Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston,
2 and Harris counties.

3 (e) Region 5 is composed of Aransas, Atascosa, Bee, Brooks,
4 Calhoun, Cameron, DeWitt, Dimmit, Duval, Frio, Goliad, Gonzales,
5 Hidalgo, Jackson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kenedy, Kinney,
6 Kleberg, La Salle, Lavaca, Live Oak, McMullen, Matagorda, Maverick,
7 Medina, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Uvalde, Val Verde,
8 Victoria, Webb, Wharton, Willacy, Wilson, Zapata, and Zavala
9 counties.

10 (f) Region 6 is composed of Bastrop, Bell, Bexar, Blanco,
11 Burnet, Caldwell, Comal, Coryell, Falls, Fayette, Guadalupe, Hays,
12 Kendall, Lampasas, Lee, McLennan, Milam, Travis, and Williamson
13 counties.

14 SECTION 3. Section 85.12, Education Code, is amended to
15 read as follows:

16 Sec. 85.12. QUALIFICATIONS; TERMS. (a) Each member of the
17 board must [~~shall~~] be a qualified voter [~~, and the members shall be~~
18 ~~selected from different portions of the state~~]. The members hold
19 office for staggered terms of six years, with the terms of three
20 members expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year [~~years~~].

21 (b) The governor shall appoint three members of the board to
22 represent the state at large and one member to represent each of the
23 regions described by Section 85.121.

24 (c) A member of the board appointed under Subsection (b) to
25 represent a region must have resided in the region for the two years
26 preceding the date of the member's appointment and must continue to
27 reside in the region during the member's term.

1 SECTION 4. Subchapter B, Chapter 85, Education Code, is
2 amended by adding Section 85.121 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 85.121. BOARD MEMBER REGIONS. (a) Region 1 is
4 composed of Andrews, Archer, Armstrong, Bailey, Bandera, Baylor,
5 Borden, Bosque, Brewster, Briscoe, Brown, Callahan, Carson,
6 Castro, Childress, Clay, Cochran, Coke, Coleman, Collingsworth,
7 Comanche, Concho, Cottle, Crane, Crockett, Crosby, Culberson,
8 Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Eastland, Ector,
9 Edwards, El Paso, Erath, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Gaines, Garza,
10 Gillespie, Glasscock, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hamilton, Hansford,
11 Hardeman, Hartley, Haskell, Hemphill, Hockley, Hood, Howard,
12 Hudspeth, Hutchinson, Irion, Jack, Jeff Davis, Jones, Kent, Kerr,
13 Kimble, King, Knox, Lamb, Lipscomb, Llano, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn,
14 McCulloch, Martin, Mason, Menard, Midland, Mills, Mitchell,
15 Montague, Moore, Motley, Nolan, Ochiltree, Oldham, Palo Pinto,
16 Parker, Parmer, Pecos, Potter, Presidio, Randall, Reagan, Real,
17 Reeves, Roberts, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher, Scurry,
18 Shackelford, Sherman, Somervell, Stephens, Sterling, Stonewall,
19 Sutton, Swisher, Taylor, Terrell, Terry, Throckmorton, Tom Green,
20 Upton, Ward, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger, Winkler, Wise, Yoakum,
21 and Young counties.

22 (b) Region 2 is composed of Collin, Dallas, Denton, and
23 Tarrant counties.

24 (c) Region 3 is composed of Anderson, Angelina, Austin,
25 Bowie, Brazos, Burleson, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Colorado,
26 Cooke, Delta, Ellis, Fannin, Franklin, Freestone, Grayson, Gregg,
27 Grimes, Hardin, Harrison, Henderson, Hill, Hopkins, Houston, Hunt,

1 Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Kaufman, Lamar, Leon, Liberty,
2 Limestone, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Morris, Nacogdoches,
3 Navarro, Newton, Orange, Panola, Polk, Rains, Red River, Robertson,
4 Rockwall, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Smith,
5 Titus, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Van Zandt, Walker, Waller,
6 Washington, and Wood counties.

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8 and Harris counties.

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17 Burnet, Caldwell, Comal, Coryell, Falls, Fayette, Guadalupe, Hays,
18 Kendall, Lampasas, Lee, McLennan, Milam, Travis, and Williamson
19 counties.

20 SECTION 5. (a) The changes in law made by this Act in the
21 qualifications of members of the board of regents of The University
22 of Texas System and the board of regents of The Texas A&M University
23 System do not affect the entitlement of a member serving on either
24 board immediately before the effective date of this Act to continue
25 to serve for the remainder of the member's term. The changes in law
26 apply only to a member appointed on or after the effective date of
27 this Act. This Act does not prohibit a person who is a member of

1 either board on the effective date of this Act from being
2 reappointed to the board if the person has the qualifications
3 required for a member under Section 65.12 or 85.12, Education Code,
4 as applicable, as amended by this Act.

5 (b) As the terms of members of the boards of regents expire
6 or as vacancies occur on the boards, the governor shall make
7 appointments to each board to achieve, as soon as possible, the
8 applicable membership plan prescribed by Section 65.12 or 85.12,
9 Education Code, as amended by this Act.

10 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.