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S.B. No. 806

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the qualifications of appointed members of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

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

SECTION 1. Section 201.011, Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 201.011. COMPOSITION. The State Soil and Water Conservation Board is a state agency composed of seven members as follows:

(1) one member elected from each of the state districts in accordance with this subchapter; and

(2) two members appointed by the governor, each of whom is:

(A) an eligible voter who owns land within a conservation district and is actively engaged in the business of farming or ~~animal husbandry, or other business related to agriculture and who wholly or partly owns or leases land used in connection with that business~~; and

(B) not a member of the board of directors of a conservation district.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by Section 201.011, Agriculture Code, as amended by this Act, regarding the composition of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board, does not affect the entitlement of a member serving on the board immediately before the

1 effective date of this Act to continue to serve and function as a
2 member of the board for the remainder of the member's term. Members
3 appointed to fill vacancies on the board occurring on or after the
4 effective date of this Act must be appointed in accordance with
5 Section 201.011, Agriculture Code, as amended by this Act.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.