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H.B. No. 2536

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the membership and duties of the Public Safety Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 411.003(b), (c), and (d), Government Code are amended to read as follows:

(b) The commission is composed of five ~~three~~ citizens of this state appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Members must be selected because of their peculiar qualifications for the position~~[-]~~ and must reflect the diverse geographic regions and population groups of this state. Appointments to the commission shall be made without regard to race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin. In making an appointment the governor shall consider, among other things, the person's knowledge of laws, experience in the enforcement of law, honesty, integrity, education, training, and executive ability.

(c) Members serve staggered six-year terms with the terms ~~term~~ of either one or two members ~~member~~ expiring January 1 of each even-numbered year.

(d) The governor shall designate one member of the commission as chairman of the commission to serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the governor. The commission shall meet at the times and places specified by commission rule or at the call of the

1 chairman [~~or any two members~~]. The chairman shall oversee the  
2 preparation of an agenda for each meeting and ensure that a copy is  
3 provided to each member at least seven days before the meeting.

4         SECTION 2. Promptly after this Act takes effect, the  
5 governor shall appoint two additional members to the Public Safety  
6 Commission. Of those members, the governor shall designate one to  
7 serve a term expiring January 1, 2010, and one to serve a term  
8 expiring February 1, 2012.

9         SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.