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H.B. No. 3527

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the eligibility of certain teachers to serve on the
3 State Board of Education and the board of directors of a regional
4 education service center.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 7.101, Education Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 7.101. COMPOSITION. (a) The State Board of Education
9 is composed of 15 voting members elected from districts and two
10 nonvoting members, selected as provided by Subsection (c). Each
11 district from which a board member is elected is composed as
12 provided by the court order dated November 2, 2001, in Miller v.
13 Cuellar, No. 3-01CV1072-a (N.D. Tex.) [former Sections
14 11.2101(b)-(t), as enacted by Chapter 2, Acts of the 72nd
15 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 1991].

16 (b) Voting members [~~Members~~] of the board are elected at
17 biennial general elections held in compliance with the Election
18 Code.

19 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter,
20 a teacher who is selected as the state elementary teacher of the
21 year or the state secondary teacher of the year under a program
22 adopted by the agency is entitled to serve as a nonvoting member of
23 the board until a new state teacher of the year is selected to serve
24 in the capacity in which the teacher was serving.

1 SECTION 2. Section 8.003(b), Education Code, is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (b) The commissioner shall adopt rules to provide for the
4 local selection, appointment, and continuity of membership of
5 regional education service center boards of directors. The rules
6 must provide that a teacher who is selected as a regional teacher of
7 the year under a program adopted by the agency is entitled to serve
8 as a nonvoting member of the board of directors for that region.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.