

1-1 By: Harris S.B. No. 235  
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1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;  
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the composition of a county bail bond board.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Section 1704.053, Occupations Code, is amended  
1-11 to read as follows:

1-12 Sec. 1704.053. BOARD COMPOSITION. A board consists of:

1-13 (1) the sheriff or a designee from the sheriff's office  
1-14 who must be the sheriff's administrator or a deputy sheriff of the  
1-15 rank of at least sergeant;

1-16 (2) a district judge of the county having jurisdiction  
1-17 over criminal matters and designated by the presiding judge of the  
1-18 administrative judicial district or a designee of the district  
1-19 judge who is approved by the presiding judge;

1-20 (3) the county judge, a member of the commissioners  
1-21 court designated by the county judge, or a designee approved by the  
1-22 commissioners court;

1-23 (4) a judge of a county court or county court at law in  
1-24 the county having jurisdiction over criminal matters and designated  
1-25 by the commissioners court or a designee of the judge who is  
1-26 approved by the commissioners court;

1-27 (5) the district attorney or an assistant district  
1-28 attorney designated by the district attorney;

1-29 (6) a licensed bail bond surety or agent for a  
1-30 corporate surety in the county elected under Section 1704.0535, or  
1-31 a bail bond surety or agent for a corporate surety licensed in the  
1-32 county who is designated by the elected surety or agent;

1-33 (7) a justice of the peace;

1-34 (8) the district clerk or the clerk's designee;

1-35 (9) the county clerk or the clerk's designee, if the  
1-36 county clerk has responsibility over criminal matters;

1-37 (10) if appointed by the board, a presiding judge of a  
1-38 municipal court in the county;

1-39 (11) if the county's principal municipality designates  
1-40 a presiding judge in the municipal court system, the presiding  
1-41 judge or a municipal judge from the system designated by the  
1-42 presiding judge;

1-43 (12) the county treasurer or the treasurer's designee  
1-44 or, if appointed by the commissioners court in a county that does  
1-45 not have a county treasurer, the person designated by the county  
1-46 commissioners court to perform the duties of the county treasurer;  
1-47 and

1-48 (13) a criminal defense attorney practicing in the  
1-49 county and elected by other attorneys whose principal places of  
1-50 business are located in the county and who are not legally  
1-51 prohibited from representing criminal defendants or the designee of  
1-52 the criminal defense attorney.

1-53 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act regarding the  
1-54 composition of a county bail bond board do not affect the  
1-55 entitlement of a member serving on a board immediately before the  
1-56 effective date of this Act to continue to serve and function as a  
1-57 member of the board for the remainder of the member's term. Those  
1-58 changes in law apply only to a member appointed on or after the  
1-59 effective date of this Act.

1-60 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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