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S.B. No. 276

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the selection process for student members of the board
3 of regents of a university or university system.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 51.355(c), Education Code, as added by
6 Chapters 292 and 1181, Acts of the 79th Legislature, Regular
7 Session, 2005, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (f), not later than
9 September 1 of each year, the student government of each general
10 academic teaching institution and medical and dental unit in a
11 university system shall solicit applicants for the position of
12 student regent. Not later than November 1, from among the
13 applications received by the student government, the student
14 government shall select five applicants as the student government's
15 recommendations for the position of student regent and send the
16 applications of those applicants [~~with the name of each applicant~~
17 ~~and the name of the institution or unit in which the applicant is~~
18 ~~enrolled removed,~~] to the chancellor of the university system.
19 From among those applicants, the chancellor shall select two or
20 more applicants as the university system's recommendations for the
21 position of student regent and shall send the applications of those
22 applicants to the governor not later than December 1. The governor
23 may request to review all applications for the position of student
24 regent received by the student governments [~~and may request to~~

1 ~~review information required to be removed from an application by a~~
2 ~~student government under this subsection].~~ On February 1, or as
3 soon thereafter as practicable, the governor shall appoint one of
4 the applicants to serve as the student regent for the system for a
5 one-year term expiring on the next February 1. The governor is not
6 required to appoint an applicant recommended by the chancellor.

7 SECTION 2. Section 51.356(d), Education Code, is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (d) Not later than September 1 of each year, the student
10 government of the general academic teaching institution shall
11 solicit applicants for the position of student regent. Not later
12 than November 1, from among the applications received by the
13 student government, the student government shall select five
14 applicants as the student government's recommendations for the
15 position of student regent and send the applications of those
16 applicants~~[, with the name of each applicant removed,~~ to the
17 president of the institution. From among those applicants, the
18 president shall select two or more applicants as the institution's
19 recommendations for the position of student regent and shall send
20 the applications of those applicants to the governor not later than
21 December 1. The governor may request to review all applications for
22 the position of student regent received by the student government
23 ~~[and may request to review information required to be removed from~~
24 ~~an application by the student government under this subsection].~~
25 On February 1, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the governor
26 shall appoint one of the applicants to serve as the student regent
27 for the institution for a one-year term expiring on the next

1 February 1. The governor is not required to appoint an applicant
2 recommended by the president.

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