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S.B. No. 1644

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

Sec. 7.101. COMPOSITION. (a) The State Board of Education is composed of 15 voting members elected from districts and two nonvoting members, selected as provided by Subsection (c). Each district from which a board member is elected is composed as provided by law [~~former Sections 11.2101(b)-(t), as enacted by Chapter 2, Acts of the 72nd Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 1991~~].

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

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, a teacher who is selected as the state teacher of the year under a program adopted by the agency is entitled to serve as a nonvoting member of the board. A state teacher of the year serving on the board as provided by this section serves a two-year term beginning on the first day of the teacher's term as state teacher of the year.

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

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

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