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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

relating to the powers, duties, and composition of the governing board of the Texas Youth Commission.

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

SECTION 1. REPEALER. Subsection (a), Section 61.012, Human Resources Code, is repealed.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 61.012, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) The governing board of the Texas Youth Commission consists of seven members appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate. Appointments to the board shall be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointees.

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SECTION 3. TRANSITION; TERMINATION OF PREVIOUSLY APPOINTED BOARD. The terms of all members of the governing board of the Texas Youth Commission who were appointed under Subsection (a), Section 61.012, Human Resources Code, as repealed by this Act, expire on the effective date of this Act. The position to which the members were appointed to is abolished and there is no position for the member to hold over to.

SECTION 4. TRANSITION; RESTRICTIONS ON APPOINTMENT ON NEW BOARD. In making appointments to the governing board of the Texas Youth Commission under Subsection (e), Section 61.012, Human Resources Code, as added by this Act, the governor may not appoint any person who was appointed as a member of the governing board of the Texas Youth Commission under Subsection (a), Section 61.012, Human Resources Code, as repealed by this Act.

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

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