

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1441
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Court Reporters Certification Board (CRCB) members' six-year terms are not staggered by statute. The terms are staggered unevenly and five out of 13 members' terms expired on December 31, 2008.

As proposed, S.B. 1441 provides that members of CRCB serve staggered six-year terms with two or three members' terms expiring December 31 of each year.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 52.011(f), Government Code, as follows:

(f) Provides that board members serve staggered six-year terms of office, with the terms of two or three members expiring on December 31 of each year.

SECTION 2. (a) Requires the Texas Supreme Court, as soon as possible after the effective date of this Act, to comply with Section 52.011(f), Government Code, as amended by this Act to prescribe a method for determining the dates on which the terms of the members of the Court Reporters Certification Board (CRCB) serving, and of the offices that are vacant on the effective date of this Act, expire. Provides that by using the method prescribed by the Texas Supreme Court, a combination of two members serving, or offices vacant, on the effective date of this Act are required to be selected for a term expiration date of December 31, 2010; a combination of two members serving, or offices vacant, on the effective date of this Act are required to be selected for a term expiration date of December 31, 2011; a combination of two members serving, or offices vacant, on the effective date of this Act are required to be selected for a term expiration date of December 31, 2012; a combination of two members serving, or offices vacant, on the effective date of this Act are required to be selected for a term expiration date of December 31, 2013; a combination of two members serving, or offices vacant, on the effective date of this Act are required to be selected for a term expiration date of December 31, 2014; and a combination of three members serving, or offices vacant, on the effective date of this Act are required to be selected for a term expiration date of December 31, 2015.

(b) Authorizes the method prescribed by the Texas Supreme Court as required by Subsection (a) of this section to be a drawing of lots.

(c) Provides that, for the purposes of Section 52.011(g), Government Code, the term being served by a member of the CRCB on the effective date of this Act that expires in accordance with Subsection (a) of this section is considered a single term.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon passage or September 1, 2009.

