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H.B. No. 240

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the appointment of members to the governing body of a  
3 political subdivision.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 180.005, Local Government Code, is  
6 amended by amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsection  
7 (d) to read as follows:

8 (b) An appointment to the governing body of a local  
9 government shall ~~[be made as required by the law applicable to that~~  
10 ~~local government and may]~~ be made with the intent to ensure that the  
11 governing body is representative of the constituency served by the  
12 governing body.

13 (c) A local government ~~[that chooses to implement~~  
14 ~~Subsection (b)]~~ shall adopt procedures for the implementation of  
15 Subsection (b).

16 (d) This section does not apply to an appointment to the  
17 governing body of a local government made by the governor.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.