

By: Watson

S.B. No. 1441

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the terms of the members of the Court Reporters Certification Board.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (f), Section 52.011, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) 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) To comply with Subsection (f), Section 52.011, Government Code, as amended by this Act, the Supreme Court of Texas, as soon as possible after the effective date of this Act, shall prescribe a method for determining the dates on which the terms of the members of the Court Reporters Certification Board serving, and of the offices that are vacant, on the effective date of this Act expire. By using the method prescribed by the Supreme Court of Texas:

(1) a combination of two members serving, or offices vacant, on the effective date of this Act must be selected for a term expiration date of December 31, 2010;

(2) a combination of two members serving, or offices vacant, on the effective date of this Act must be selected for a term expiration date of December 31, 2011;

(3) a combination of two members serving, or offices

1 vacant, on the effective date of this Act must be selected for a
2 term expiration date of December 31, 2012;

3 (4) a combination of two members serving, or offices
4 vacant, on the effective date of this Act must be selected for a
5 term expiration date of December 31, 2013;

6 (5) a combination of two members serving, or offices
7 vacant, on the effective date of this Act must be selected for a
8 term expiration date of December 31, 2014; and

9 (6) a combination of three members serving, or offices
10 vacant, on the effective date of this Act must be selected for a
11 term expiration date of December 31, 2015.

12 (b) The method prescribed by the Supreme Court of Texas as
13 required by Subsection (a) of this section may be a drawing of lots.

14 (c) For purposes of Subsection (g), Section 52.011,
15 Government Code, the term being served by a member of the Court
16 Reporters Certification Board on the effective date of this Act
17 that expires in accordance with Subsection (a) of this section is
18 considered a single term.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.