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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. Section 52.011(f), 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 Section 52.011(f),
Government Code, as amended by this Act, the Texas Supreme Court, 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 Texas Supreme Court:

(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
vacant, on the effective date of this Act must be selected for a

1 term expiration date of December 31, 2012;

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

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

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

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

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

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