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S.B. No. 2150

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the creation of a commission to study the practices and
3 procedures of the Texas Legislature.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) The Vision 2040 Study Commission is created
6 as provided by this section.

7 (b) This bipartisan commission is composed of eleven
8 members as follows:

9 (1) three members appointed by the governor;

10 (2) four members appointed by the lieutenant governor;
11 and

12 (3) four members appointed by the speaker of the house
13 of representatives.

14 (4) a chairman of the commission will be elected by a
15 majority vote of the members.

16 (c) Each member of the commission serves at the will of the
17 person who appointed the member.

18 (d) A member of the commission is not entitled to receive
19 compensation for service on the commission but is entitled to
20 reimbursement of the travel expenses incurred by the member while
21 conducting the business of the commission, as provided by the
22 General Appropriations Act.

23 (e) The commission may accept gifts and grants from any
24 source to be used to carry out a function of the commission.

1 (f) The commission shall meet at least twice and may conduct
2 public hearings.

3 (g) The commission shall study the practices and procedures
4 of the Texas Legislature and recommend constitutional and statutory
5 changes that ensure its ability to efficiently represent a rapidly
6 growing population.

7 (h) Not later than December 1, 2010, the commission shall
8 issue a report summarizing its findings and recommendations.

9 (i) The commission shall promptly deliver copies of the
10 report to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the
11 house of representatives. Electronic versions must be made
12 available to the public.

13 SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2009, the governor,
14 lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives
15 shall appoint the members to the Vision 2040 Study Commission
16 established under Section 1 of this Act.

17 SECTION 3. This Act expires and the Vision 2040 Study
18 Commission is abolished on January 1, 2011.

19 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.