

By: Gonzales of Williamson

H.B. No. 1611

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to notice of contract renewal or nonrenewal provided by a school district to teachers employed under a term contract.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.206(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Not later than the seventh [~~45th~~] day after [~~before~~] the last day of instruction in a school year, the board of trustees shall notify in writing each teacher whose contract is about to expire whether the board proposes to renew or not renew the contract. The notice may be delivered personally to the teacher or mailed by prepaid certified or registered mail to the teacher at the teacher's address of record with the district. Notice that is mailed within the time specified by this subsection is considered timely for purposes of this section, regardless of the date the notice is received by the teacher.

SECTION 2. If this Act takes effect on or before April 13, 2011, the change in law made by this Act applies beginning with contracts for the 2011-2012 school year. If this Act takes effect after April 13, 2011, the change in law made by this Act applies beginning with contracts for the 2012-2013 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.