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H.B. No. 2443

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the composition of the Texas Juvenile Justice Board.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 202.001(a), (b), and (e), Human Resources Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The board is composed of the following nine [~~13~~] members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate:

(1) one member who is a district court judge of a court designated as a juvenile court;

(2) one member who is a member [~~three members who are members~~] of a county commissioners court;

(3) one member who is a prosecutor in a juvenile court;

(4) one member who is a chief juvenile probation officer of a juvenile probation department [~~serving a county with a population that includes fewer than 7,500 persons younger than 18 years of age~~];

(5) [~~one chief juvenile probation officer of a juvenile probation department serving a county with a population that includes at least 7,500 but fewer than 80,000 persons younger than 18 years of age,~~

~~(6) one chief juvenile probation officer of a juvenile probation department serving a county with a population that includes 80,000 or more persons younger than 18 years of age,~~

[~~7~~] one adolescent mental health treatment

1 professional licensed under Subtitle B or I, Title 3, Occupations  
2 Code;

3 (6) [~~(8)~~] one educator, as that term is defined by  
4 Section 5.001, Education Code; and

5 (7) [~~(9)~~] three members of the general public.

6 (b) Members serve staggered six-year terms, with the terms  
7 of three [~~four or five~~] members expiring on February 1 of each  
8 odd-numbered year.

9 (e) A member appointed under this section [~~Subsections~~  
10 ~~(a)(1)-(6)~~] may not hold office in the same county or judicial  
11 district or reside in the same political subdivision as another  
12 member [~~appointed under those subsections~~].

13 SECTION 2. The change in law made by Section 202.001(a),  
14 Human Resources Code, as amended by this Act, regarding the  
15 composition of members of the Texas Juvenile Justice Board does not  
16 affect the entitlement of a member serving on the board immediately  
17 before the effective date of this Act to continue to serve as a  
18 member of the board for the remainder of the member's term. On  
19 expiration of a term of a director appointed under Section  
20 202.001(a)(2), Human Resources Code, as that subdivision existed  
21 immediately before the effective date of this Act, the director's  
22 position is abolished until the number of directors appointed under  
23 that subdivision is one. On expiration of a term of a director  
24 appointed under Sections 202.001(a)(4)-(6), Human Resources Code,  
25 as those subdivisions existed immediately before the effective date  
26 of this Act, the director's position is abolished until the number  
27 of directors appointed under those subdivisions is one. As the

1 terms of board members expire, for each position that is not  
2 abolished the governor shall appoint or reappoint a member who has  
3 the required experience until the composition of the board meets  
4 the requirements under Section 202.001(a), Human Resources Code, as  
5 amended by this Act. An initial appointment under this section to  
6 replace a director whose term expires but whose position is not  
7 abolished may be for a term of two or four years to achieve the  
8 staggering of terms under Section 202.001(b), Human Resources Code,  
9 as amended by this Act.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.