

By: Estes

S.B. No. 283

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the number of members of the Texas Historical Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Subsections (b) and (c), Section 442.002, Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) The commission is composed of nine [~~17~~] members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. A person may not be a member of the commission if the person or the person's spouse:

(1) owns or controls, directly or indirectly, more than a 10 percent interest in a business entity or other organization regulated by the commission or receiving money other than grant money from the commission;

(2) uses or receives a substantial amount of tangible goods, services, or money from the commission, other than compensation or reimbursement authorized by law for commission membership, attendance, or expenses; or

(3) is employed by or participates in the management of a business entity or other organization regulated by or receiving money other than grant money from the commission.

(c) Members serve for staggered six-year terms, with the terms of [~~approximately~~] one-third of the members expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

1 SECTION 2. (a) Two of the five positions on the Texas
2 Historical Commission with terms scheduled to expire on February 1,
3 2015, are abolished on that date.

4 (b) Two of the six positions on the Texas Historical
5 Commission with terms scheduled to expire on February 1, 2017, are
6 abolished on that date.

7 (c) Of the six positions on the Texas Historical Commission
8 with terms that, immediately before the effective date of this Act,
9 are scheduled to expire on February 1, 2019, four of the positions
10 are abolished on September 1, 2013.

11 (d) In appointing members to the Texas Historical
12 Commission for terms scheduled to begin February 1, 2015, the
13 governor shall appoint one member to the commission for a term
14 expiring February 1, 2019, and two members to the commission for
15 terms expiring February 1, 2021.

16 (e) In appointing members to the Texas Historical
17 Commission for terms scheduled to begin February 1, 2017, the
18 governor shall appoint one member to the commission for a term
19 expiring February 1, 2021, and three members to the commission for
20 terms expiring February 1, 2023.

21 (f) As soon as practicable after the effective date of this
22 Act, the governor shall designate which members' positions shall be
23 abolished as provided by this section and shall inform the
24 presiding officer of the Texas Historical Commission which
25 positions are abolished.

26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.