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S.B. No. 500

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

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

SECTION 1. Section 552.001(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The Texas State Board of Pharmacy consists of 11 [~~nine~~] members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate as follows:

(1) seven [~~six~~] members who are pharmacists; [~~and~~]

(2) one member who is a pharmacy technician; and

(3) three members who represent the public.

SECTION 2. Section 552.002, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) A pharmacy technician board member must, at the time of appointment:

(1) be a resident of this state;

(2) have been registered as a pharmacy technician for the five years preceding appointment;

(3) be in good standing to act as a pharmacy technician in this state; and

(4) be acting as a pharmacy technician in this state.

SECTION 3. Section 552.005(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Members of the board are appointed for staggered

1 six-year terms, with either [~~The terms of~~] three or four members'  
2 terms, as applicable, expiring [~~members expire~~] every other year at  
3 midnight on the last day of the state fiscal year in the last year of  
4 the member's term.

5 SECTION 4. Section 552.010(a), Occupations Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) The board shall meet at least [~~+~~  
8 [~~(1)~~] once every four months to transact board  
9 business [~~, and~~  
10 [~~(2) twice each year for the examination of~~  
11 ~~applicants~~].

12 SECTION 5. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
13 of this Act, the governor shall appoint a pharmacy technician and a  
14 pharmacist to the Texas State Board of Pharmacy as required by this  
15 Act. In appointing the members, the governor shall appoint:

16 (1) a pharmacy technician to a term expiring August  
17 31, 2019; and

18 (2) a pharmacist to a term expiring August 31, 2017.

19 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.