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S.B. No. 1814

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a requirement that members of the Public Safety
3 Commission hold a secret security clearance.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 411.003, Government
6 Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 (b) The commission is composed of five citizens of this
8 state appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the
9 senate. Members must be selected because of their peculiar
10 qualifications for the position and must reflect the diverse
11 geographic regions and population groups of this state. Members
12 must have and maintain a secret security clearance granted by the
13 United States government. A member may serve on the commission upon
14 the granting of an interim secret security clearance, but may not be
15 given access to classified information, participate in a briefing
16 involving classified information, or vote on an issue involving
17 classified information until a secret security clearance has been
18 finally approved by the United States government. Appointments to
19 the commission shall be made without regard to race, color,
20 disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin. In making an
21 appointment the governor shall consider, among other things, the
22 person's knowledge of laws, experience in the enforcement of law,
23 honesty, integrity, education, training, and executive ability.

24 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply to a

1 member of the Public Safety Commission serving on or after the
2 effective date of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.