House Bill 2259 Senate Amendments Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

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SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a meeting held on or after the effective date of this Act.

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 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

SENATE VERSION (CS)

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SECTION 2. Same as House version.

SECTION 3. Same as House version.

CONFERENCE