

House Bill 3714
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(3) two members appointed by the lieutenant governor.

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SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint the members of the Office of Small Business Assistance Advisory Task Force as required by Section 481.00681, Government Code, as added by 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.

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