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H.B. No. 911

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the composition of the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12.051(a), Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission is composed of five [~~three~~] commissioners appointed as follows:

(1) four members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, one of whom must be appointed from a list of candidates submitted to the governor by the speaker of the house of representatives; and

(2) one member appointed by the lieutenant governor.

SECTION 2. Promptly after this Act takes effect, the governor and the lieutenant governor shall each appoint an additional member to the Public Utility Commission of Texas. The governor shall appoint the additional member from a list of candidates submitted to the governor by the speaker of the house of representatives. The member appointed by the governor shall serve a term expiring August 31, 2019, and the member appointed by the lieutenant governor shall serve a term expiring August 31, 2021. Until all appointees have taken office, a quorum of the commission is a majority of the number of members who are qualified.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.