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H.B. No. 2266

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the membership of the State Board of Dental Examiners.

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

SECTION 1. Section 252.001(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The State Board of Dental Examiners consists of 15 members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate as follows:

(1) seven ~~eight~~ reputable dentist members who reside in this state and have been actively engaged in the practice of dentistry for at least the five years preceding appointment;

(2) two reputable dental hygienist members who reside in this state and have been actively engaged in the practice of dental hygiene for at least the five years preceding appointment; ~~and~~

(3) one reputable member who represents dental technicians and:

(A) is certified as described by Section 266.152(a) as a dental technician, resides in this state, and has been actively engaged in the practice of dental technology for at least the five years preceding appointment; or

(B) is a dentist who is certified as described by Section 266.152(a) as a dental technician, resides in this state, and has been actively engaged in the practice of dentistry and

1 certified as a dental technician for at least the five years
2 preceding appointment; and

3 (4) five members who represent the public.

4 SECTION 2. Section 252.001, Occupations Code, as amended by
5 this Act, regarding the qualifications of members of the State
6 Board of Dental Examiners, does not affect the entitlement of a
7 dentist member serving on the board immediately before the
8 effective date of this Act to continue to serve as a member of the
9 board for the remainder of the member's term. After the term of a
10 dentist member expires, the governor shall appoint a member who
11 meets the requirements under Section 252.001(a)(3), Occupations
12 Code, as amended by this Act.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.