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S.B. No. 51

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to election of professional staff representatives to certain school district planning and decision-making committees.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11.251, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:

(e) The board shall adopt a procedure, consistent with Subsection (e-1) and Section 21.407(a), for the professional staff in the district to nominate and elect the professional staff representatives who shall meet with the board or the board designee as required under this section. At least two-thirds of the elected professional staff representatives must be classroom teachers. The remaining staff representatives shall include both campus- and district-level professional staff members. If practicable, the committee membership shall include at least one professional staff representative with the primary responsibility for educating students with disabilities. Board policy must provide procedures for:

(1) the selection of parents to the district-level and campus-level committees; and

(2) the selection of community members and business representatives to serve on the district-level committee in a manner that provides for appropriate representation of the

1 community's diversity.

2 (e-1) The procedure for the election of professional staff
3 representatives to a campus-level or district-level committee
4 under Subsection (e):

5 (1) must provide for appropriate and inclusive
6 representation of the district's professional staff; and

7 (2) may not limit eligibility for election to members
8 of a single professional association or organization.

9 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018
10 school year.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
16 legislative session.