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H.B. No. 978

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the terms of the board members of the Texas Indigent
3 Defense Commission.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 79.014(b), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (b) The board members serve staggered terms of six [~~two~~]
8 years, with one or two members' terms expiring February 1 of each
9 odd-numbered year [~~and three members' terms expiring February 1 of~~
10 ~~each even-numbered year~~].

11 SECTION 2. The members of the board of the Texas Indigent
12 Defense Commission serving on the effective date of this Act may
13 draw lots or use another method to determine the members who shall
14 serve terms that expire on February 1, 2023, the members who shall
15 serve terms that expire on February 1, 2021, and the members who
16 shall serve terms that expire on February 1, 2019. The members of
17 the board appointed to succeed the members serving on the effective
18 date of this Act shall serve six-year terms.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.