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H.B. No. 2417

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the composition of the Texas Historical Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Section 442.002(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The commission is composed of 15 [~~nine~~] members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. One member must be a professional archeologist, one must be a professional historian, and one must be a professional architect who is licensed in this state and has expertise in historic preservation and architectural history. The remaining members must represent the general public. A person is [~~may~~] not eligible for appointment as [~~be~~] a member of the commission if the person or the person's spouse:

(1) owns or controls, directly or indirectly, more than a 10 percent interest in a business entity or other organization regulated by the commission or receiving money other than grant money from the commission;

(2) uses or receives a substantial amount of tangible goods, services, or money from the commission, other than compensation or reimbursement authorized by law for commission membership, attendance, or expenses; or

(3) is employed by or participates in the management of a business entity or other organization regulated by or

1 receiving money other than grant money from the commission.

2 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
3 of this Act, the governor shall appoint six additional members to  
4 the Texas Historical Commission as required by Section 442.002(b),  
5 Government Code, as amended by this Act. In appointing the  
6 additional members to the commission, the governor shall appoint:

7 (1) two members, including one professional  
8 archeologist member, to terms expiring February 1, 2019;

9 (2) two members, including one professional historian  
10 member, to terms expiring February 1, 2021; and

11 (3) two members, including one licensed architect  
12 member, to terms expiring February 1, 2023.

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