

1-1 By: Watson, West S.B. No. 416  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 6, 2017; February 1, 2017,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
1-4 March 28, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,  
1-5 Nays 0; March 28, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Huffman	X		
1-9	Hughes	X		
1-10	Birdwell	X		
1-11	Creighton	X		
1-12	Estes	X		
1-13	Lucio	X		
1-14	Nelson	X		
1-15	Schwertner		X	
1-16	Zaffirini	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the composition of the board of directors of the State  
1-20 Bar of Texas.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 81.020, Government Code, is amended by  
1-23 amending Subsections (b) and (d) and adding Subsection (e) to read  
1-24 as follows:

1-25 (b) The board is composed of:

1-26 (1) the officers of the state bar;

1-27 (2) the president, president-elect, and immediate  
1-28 past president of the Texas Young Lawyers Association;

1-29 (3) not more than 30 members of the state bar elected  
1-30 by the membership from their district as determined by the board;

1-31 (4) six persons appointed by the supreme court and  
1-32 confirmed by the senate who are not attorneys and who do not have,  
1-33 other than as consumers, a financial interest in the practice of  
1-34 law; and

1-35 (5) four outreach ~~[minority member]~~ directors  
1-36 appointed by the president as provided by Subsections ~~[Subsection]~~  
1-37 (d) and (e).

1-38 (d) The president of the state bar appoints the outreach  
1-39 ~~[minority member]~~ directors, subject to confirmation by the board  
1-40 of directors. In making appointments under this subsection, the  
1-41 president shall ~~[attempt to]~~ appoint directors who demonstrate the  
1-42 sensitivity and knowledge gained from experiences in the legal  
1-43 profession and community necessary to ensure the board represents  
1-44 the interests of attorneys from the varied backgrounds that compose  
1-45 the membership of the state bar, including members of historically  
1-46 underrepresented ~~[members of the different minority]~~ groups  
1-47 ~~[listed in Section 81.002(7)]~~.

1-48 (e) Outreach ~~[Minority member]~~ directors serve three-year  
1-49 terms. To be eligible for appointment as an outreach ~~[a minority~~  
1-50 ~~member]~~ director, at the time of appointment a person may ~~[must:~~

1-51 ~~[(1) be a minority member of the bar;~~

1-52 ~~[(2)] not be serving as:~~

1-53 ~~(1) an elected director [at the time of appointment];~~

1-54 or

1-55 ~~(2) an outreach [and~~

1-56 ~~[(3) not be serving as a minority member] director [at~~  
1-57 ~~the time of appointment].~~

1-58 SECTION 2. Section 81.002(7), Government Code, is repealed.

1-59 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding Section 81.020, Government  
1-60 Code, as amended by this Act, a minority member serving on the board  
1-61 of directors of the State Bar of Texas on the effective date of this

2-1 Act continues to serve the term to which the director was appointed.  
2-2 On expiration of the director's term, the president of the State Bar  
2-3 of Texas shall appoint an outreach director as required by Section  
2-4 81.020, Government Code, as amended by this Act.

2-5 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-9 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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