

1-1 By: Birdwell S.B. No. 611
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 25, 2017; February 13, 2017,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 April 10, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
 1-5 Nays 0; April 10, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to appointments by certain state officials to a
 1-20 legislative agency or an advisory committee.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 301, Government Code, is
 1-23 amended by adding Section 301.035 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 301.035. APPOINTMENTS TO LEGISLATIVE AGENCY.
 1-25 Notwithstanding any other law, a person appointed by the lieutenant
 1-26 governor or the speaker of the house to the governing body of a
 1-27 legislative agency or committee under Subtitle C serves at the
 1-28 pleasure of the appointing officer and may be removed or replaced by
 1-29 the appointing officer or the appointing officer's successor.

1-30 SECTION 2. Chapter 651, Government Code, is amended by
 1-31 adding Section 651.011 to read as follows:

1-32 Sec. 651.011. APPOINTMENTS BY CERTAIN STATE OFFICERS.

1-33 (a) This section applies only to a committee, council, commission,
 1-34 task force, or other public entity with multiple members that:

1-35 (1) does not control or supervise public business or
 1-36 policy; and

1-37 (2) has as its primary function advising a branch of
 1-38 state government.

1-39 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, a person appointed by the
 1-40 governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, or a
 1-41 statewide elected officer to an entity described by Subsection (a)
 1-42 serves at the pleasure of the appointing officer and may be removed
 1-43 or replaced by the appointing officer or the appointing officer's
 1-44 successor.

1-45 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
 1-46 person serving on an entity described by Section 301.035 or
 1-47 651.011(a), Government Code, as added by this Act, on or after the
 1-48 effective date of this Act, regardless of whether the person was
 1-49 appointed to the entity before, on, or after the effective date of
 1-50 this Act.

1-51 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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