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S.B. No. 763

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 have expertise in archeology, preferably as a professional archeologist, one must have expertise in history, preferably as a professional historian, and one must have expertise in architecture, preferably as 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

1 (3) is employed by or participates in the management
2 of a business entity or other organization regulated by or
3 receiving money other than grant money from the commission.

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

9 (1) two members, including one member with archeology
10 expertise, to terms expiring February 1, 2019;

11 (2) two members, including one member with history
12 expertise, to terms expiring February 1, 2021; and

13 (3) two members, including one member with
14 architecture expertise, to terms expiring February 1, 2023.

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