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H.B. No. 1553

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the composition of the Commission on Jail Standards.

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

SECTION 1. Section 511.004(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission consists of nine members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate as follows:

(1) one [~~One~~] member who is [~~must be~~] a sheriff of a county with a population of more than 35,000;*i*

(2) [~~7~~] one member who is [~~must be~~] a sheriff of a county with a population of 35,000 or less;*i*

(3) [~~7~~] one member who is [~~must be~~] a county judge;*i*

(4) [~~7~~] one member who is [~~must be~~] a county commissioner;*i*

(5) two members who are practitioners [~~one must be a practitioner~~] of medicine licensed by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners, one of whom must be board certified in psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or the American Osteopathic Board of Neurology and Psychiatry;*i*

(6) one member who has expertise in providing veterans with information on the programs, services, and other resources that are available to veterans in this state; and

(7) two members who are [~~the other four must be~~] representatives of the general public, at [~~At~~] least one of whom

1 must reside in [~~the four citizen members must be from~~] a county with  
2 a population of 35,000 or less.

3 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section  
4 511.004(a), Government Code, does not affect the entitlement of a  
5 member serving on the Commission on Jail Standards immediately  
6 before the effective date of this Act to continue to serve for the  
7 remainder of the member's term. As the terms of members expire, the  
8 governor shall appoint or reappoint members to the Commission on  
9 Jail Standards who have the qualifications required by Section  
10 511.004, Government Code, as amended by this Act.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.