By:  King of Parker H.B. No. 2165

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the membership of the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 12.051, Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

Section 12.051.  APPOINTMENT; TERM. (a) The commission is composed of five [~~three~~] commissioners appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate.

(b)  The members shall be appointed to reflect the diverse geographic regions and population groups of the state. One member must reside in a rural area and be a registered voter of a county with a population of less than 150,000.

(c) [~~(b)~~]  An appointment to the commission shall be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee.

(d) [~~(c)~~]  Commissioners serve staggered, six-year terms, with the terms of one or two members expiring every two years.

SECTION 2.  Promptly after this Act takes effect, the governor shall appoint two additional members to the Public Utility Commission of Texas. Of those members, the governor shall designate one to serve a term expiring September 1, 2025, and one to serve a term expiring September 1, 2027.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.