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H.B. No. 300

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the composition of the districts for the election of members of the State Board of Education.

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

SECTION 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Act is to fulfill the Legislature's responsibility to establish districts for the election of members of the State Board of Education following the publication of the 2020 census in compliance with the United States and Texas Constitutions and applicable Federal and state law.

SECTION 2. FINDINGS. The Legislature finds:

(1) Section 7.101, Education Code, requires the election of members of the board from districts;

(2) As a result of the estimated rate of growth in the population of the state since 2011, the populations of the current districts for the election of members of the board are unequal and no longer comply with applicable legal requirements; and

(3) The current districts must be replaced following publication of the decennial census with new districts that satisfy all applicable legal requirements.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION OF DISTRICTS. (a) The State of Texas is composed of 15 board of education districts as provided in this Act. Each district is composed of the counties or parts of counties as determined by the Legislature consistent with the requirements of the United States and Texas Constitutions and

1 applicable Federal law.

2 (b) One member of the board is elected from each district
3 established by this Act.

4 (c) For purposes of Section 7.104, Education Code, this Act
5 constitutes a decennial reapportionment.

6 SECTION 4. TRANSITION PROVISION. The districts established
7 by this Act apply to the election of the members of the State Board
8 of Education beginning with the primary and general elections in
9 2022. This Act does not affect the membership or districts of the
10 board before January 1, 2023.

11 SECTION 5. REPEALER. Chapter 72 (H.B. 600), Acts of the
12 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, is repealed.

13 SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
14 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
15 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
16 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
17 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.