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H.B. No. 2165

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the membership of the Public Utility Commission of
3 Texas.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section [12.051](#), Utilities Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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