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S.B. No. 525

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the eligibility of a person who is not a United States
3 citizen to be appointed to or serve in a public office or on an
4 advisory board or task force.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 601, Government Code, is amended by
7 adding Section 601.012 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 601.012. CITIZENSHIP REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN
9 APPOINTMENTS. (a) A person must be a United States citizen to be
10 appointed to or serve in a public office, including on the governing
11 body of a commission, board, or other agency, or on an advisory
12 board or task force:

13 (1) within the executive, legislative, or judicial
14 branch of state government; or

15 (2) of a political subdivision of this state.

16 (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to an office for which the
17 federal or state constitution prescribes exclusive qualification
18 requirements.

19 SECTION 2. Section 601.012, Government Code, as added by
20 this Act, applies to an appointment that occurs on or after
21 September 1, 2025.

22 SECTION 3. The term of office of a person who is not a United
23 States citizen who was appointed before September 1, 2025, to serve
24 in a position that is subject to Section 601.012, Government Code,

1 as added by this Act, ends September 1, 2025, unless the person
2 becomes a United States citizen on or before that date.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.