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S.B. No. 1580

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the composition of the governing body of a local mental health authority.

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

SECTION 1. Section 533.0351(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) If a local mental health authority has a governing body, the governing body must include:

(1) for a local authority that serves only one county, the sheriff of the county as an ex officio nonvoting member; ~~and~~

(2) for a local authority that serves two or more counties, two sheriffs chosen in accordance with Subsection (b) as ex officio nonvoting members; and

(3) a veteran selected by a majority of the governing body members.

SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2025, the members of each local mental health authority governing body shall select a veteran to serve on the governing body as provided by Section 533.0351(a), Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.