

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 42  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 10, 2014; January 26, 2015,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;  
 1-4 April 9, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,  
 1-5 Nays 0; April 9, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the selection process for student members of the board  
 1-18 of regents of a state university or state university system.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 51.355(c), Education Code, is amended to  
 1-21 read as follows:

1-22 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (f), not later than  
 1-23 November 1 of each year, the student government of each general  
 1-24 academic teaching institution and medical and dental unit in a  
 1-25 university system shall solicit applicants for appointment to the  
 1-26 next regular term of the position of student regent. Not later than  
 1-27 January 1, from among the applications received by the student  
 1-28 government, the student government shall select five applicants as  
 1-29 the student government's recommendations for the position of  
 1-30 student regent and send the applications of those applicants to the  
 1-31 chancellor of the university system. From among those applicants,  
 1-32 the chancellor shall select two or more applicants as the  
 1-33 university system's recommendations for the position of student  
 1-34 regent and shall send the applications of those applicants to the  
 1-35 governor not later than February 1. The governor may request to  
 1-36 review all applications for the position of student regent received  
 1-37 by the student governments and may request an applicant to submit  
 1-38 additional information to the governor. On June 1, or as soon  
 1-39 thereafter as practicable, the governor shall appoint one of the  
 1-40 applicants to serve as the student regent for the system for a  
 1-41 one-year term expiring on the next May 31. The governor is not  
 1-42 required to appoint an applicant recommended by the chancellor, but  
 1-43 may not appoint a student regent who did not submit an application  
 1-44 to the student government of a general academic teaching  
 1-45 institution or medical and dental unit in the system as described by  
 1-46 this subsection.

1-47 SECTION 2. Section 51.356(d), Education Code, is amended to  
 1-48 read as follows:

1-49 (d) Not later than November 1 of each year, the student  
 1-50 government of the general academic teaching institution shall  
 1-51 solicit applicants for appointment to the next regular term of the  
 1-52 position of student regent. Not later than January 1, from among  
 1-53 the applications received by the student government, the student  
 1-54 government shall select five applicants as the student government's  
 1-55 recommendations for the position of student regent and send the  
 1-56 applications of those applicants to the president of the  
 1-57 institution. From among those applicants, the president shall  
 1-58 select two or more applicants as the institution's recommendations  
 1-59 for the position of student regent and shall send the applications  
 1-60 of those applicants to the governor not later than February 1. The  
 1-61 governor may request to review all applications for the position of

2-1 student regent received by the student government and may request  
2-2 an applicant to submit additional information to the governor. On  
2-3 June 1, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the governor shall  
2-4 appoint one of the applicants to serve as the student regent for the  
2-5 institution for a one-year term expiring on the next May 31. The  
2-6 governor is not required to appoint an applicant recommended by the  
2-7 president, but may not appoint a student regent who did not submit  
2-8 an application to the student government of the institution as  
2-9 described by this subsection.

2-10 SECTION 3. Sections 51.355(c) and 51.356(d), Education  
2-11 Code, as amended by this Act, are intended only to clarify existing  
2-12 law with respect to the appointment of student members of the board  
2-13 of regents of a state university or state university system.

2-14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-18 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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