

1-1 By: Seliger S.B. No. 413
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 29, 2015; February 4, 2015,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Water,
1-4 and Rural Affairs; April 7, 2015, reported adversely, with
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-6 Nays 0; April 7, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 413 By: Perry

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the qualifications for membership on the Texas Water
1-20 Development Board.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Sections 6.052(a) and (b), Water Code, are
1-23 amended to read as follows:

1-24 (a) The board is composed of three members who are appointed
1-25 by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. One
1-26 member must have experience in the field of engineering, one member
1-27 must have experience in the field of public or private finance, and
1-28 one member must:

1-29 (1) be actively engaged in the business of farming or
1-30 animal husbandry or another business related to agriculture; and

1-31 (2) wholly or partly own or lease land used in
1-32 connection with a business described by Subdivision (1) [have
1-33 experience in the field of law or business].

1-34 (b) The governor shall make the appointments in such a
1-35 manner that the members:

1-36 (1) reflect the diverse geographic regions and
1-37 population groups of this state, provided that one member resides
1-38 in a rural area and is a registered voter of a county with a
1-39 population of less than 355,000; and

1-40 (2) do not have any conflicts of interest prohibited
1-41 by state or federal law.

1-42 SECTION 2. Section 6.054, Water Code, is amended by adding
1-43 Subsection (e) to read as follows:

1-44 (e) Notwithstanding Subsection (a)(2), a board member who
1-45 resided in a county with a population of less than 355,000 at the
1-46 time the member was appointed may not be removed on the ground that
1-47 the population of the county no longer meets that requirement.

1-48 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act relating to
1-49 the qualifications for membership on the Texas Water Development
1-50 Board do not affect the eligibility of a member of the board serving
1-51 immediately before the effective date of this Act to continue to
1-52 serve on the board for the term to which the member was appointed.
1-53 Not later than February 1, 2019, the governor shall appoint members
1-54 of the board as necessary to ensure that the composition of the
1-55 board complies with Section 6.052, Water Code, as amended by this
1-56 Act.

1-57 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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