1-1 S.B. No. 1958 By: Hinojosa (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2015; March 25, 2015, read time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice; 1-2 1-3 first 1-4 April 30, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 30, 2015, sent to printer.) 1-5

1-6		COMMITTEE VOTE			
1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Whitmire	Х			
1-9	Huffman	Х			
1-10	Burton	Х			
1-11	Creighton	Х			
1-12	Hinojosa	Х			
1-13	Menéndez	Х			
1-14	Perry	Х			

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to the election of certain county bail bond board members. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 1-17 1-18

1-19 SECTION 1. Section 1704.0535, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows: 1-20

Sec. 1704.0535. ELECTION OF <u>CERTAIN</u> BAIL BOND [SURETY] BOARD <u>MEMBERS</u> [MEMBER]. (a) The board shall annually conduct a secret ballot election to elect the <u>members</u> [member] of the board 1-21 1-22 1-23 1-24 who serve [serves] as the representative of licensed bail bond 1-25 surecting: by electing: (1) sureties and the representative of the criminal defense attorneys 1-26

1-27 1-28 a licensed bail bond surety or agent for а corporate surety board member; and

1-29 (2) a criminal defense attorney who is practicing in 1-30

the county. (b) Each individual licensed in the county as a bail bond surety or agent for a corporate surety is entitled to cast one vote 1-31 1-32 1-33 for each license held to elect the board member who is a surety or 1-34 agent for a corporate surety.

1-35	(c) Each attorney who has a principal place of business
	located in the county and who is not legally prohibited from
1-37	representing criminal defendants in the county is entitled to cast
1-38	one vote to elect the board member who is a criminal defense
1-39	attorney.

1-40 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act regarding the election of certain county bail bond board members do not affect the 1-41 1-42 entitlement of a member serving on a board immediately before the effective date of this Act to continue to serve and function as a 1-43 1 - 44member of the board for the remainder of the member's term. Those 1-45 changes in law apply only to a member elected on or after the effective date of this Act. SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015. 1-46

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