

1-1 By: Moody (Senate Sponsor - Blanco) H.B. No. 840  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 12, 2021;  
1-3 April 13, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Local  
1-4 Government; May 13, 2021, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 13, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7				
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			

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

1-19 relating to the selection of public members to serve on a county's  
1-20 salary grievance committee.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 152.015, Local Government Code, is  
1-23 amended by amending Subsections (a), (b), and (d) and adding  
1-24 Subsections (b-1) and (b-2) to read as follows:

1-25 (a) The public members of the salary grievance committee  
1-26 shall be selected as provided by Subsection (b) or (b-1) at a  
1-27 meeting of the commissioners court at any time during the year, but  
1-28 not later than the 15th day after the date a request for a hearing is  
1-29 received under Section 152.016(a). If a request for a public  
1-30 hearing is not received, the commissioners court is not required to  
1-31 select public members.

1-32 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (b-1), before [Before]  
1-33 the meeting required by Subsection (a), the county clerk shall  
1-34 place on a separate slip the name of each person who served on a  
1-35 grand jury in the county during the preceding calendar year. At the  
1-36 meeting the slips shall be folded, placed in an appropriate  
1-37 container, and mixed. The county judge shall draw at random a number  
1-38 of slips equal to the number of public members needed for the  
1-39 committee and shall announce the names on the slips. At the meeting  
1-40 the county judge may repeat this process and make a list of  
1-41 alternates.

1-42 (b-1) As an alternative to the process prescribed by  
1-43 Subsection (b), the commissioners court may direct the county clerk  
1-44 to use a computer to generate a randomized list of the names of all  
1-45 persons who served on a grand jury in the county during the  
1-46 preceding calendar year. At the meeting required by Subsection (a),  
1-47 the commissioners court shall:

1-48 (1) adopt the randomized list;

1-49 (2) enter the list into the minutes of the meeting; and

1-50 (3) select, in the order of the list, the necessary  
1-51 number of public members and alternates.

1-52 (b-2) A person whose name is selected under this section  
1-53 [drawn] becomes a member of the committee or an alternate on  
1-54 submitting written acceptance of the selection to the clerk. If a  
1-55 person refuses or is unable to serve on the committee, a replacement  
1-56 shall be appointed from the list of alternates. If the list of  
1-57 alternates is exhausted or does not exist, a replacement shall be  
1-58 selected from the remaining names not already selected, in the same  
1-59 manner as the replaced member, at the next regular or called  
1-60 commissioners court meeting [by random selection of a slip from the  
1-61 remaining slips]. This process shall be repeated until the required

2-1 number of public members have accepted the selection [~~is selected~~].  
2-2 (d) A vacancy in a public member position shall be filled  
2-3 for the unexpired part of the term by appointment from the list of  
2-4 alternates. If the list of alternates is exhausted or does not  
2-5 exist, a replacement shall be selected [~~filled by random selection~~  
2-6 ~~of a slip~~] from the remaining names not already selected, in the  
2-7 same manner as the vacating member, [slips] at a meeting of the  
2-8 commissioners court.

2-9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

\* \* \* \* \*

2-10