

CHAPTER 869

H.B. No. 1766

AN ACT

relating to the composition of the governing board of the Texas Partnership for Economic Development.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 481.353, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsections a), (b), and (d) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(a) The partnership is governed by a board of 20 [15] members composed of:

(1) seven members appointed by the governor, of which three members must represent private industry, which may not be the same industry, two members must represent public or higher education, and two members must represent the public;

(2) four members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, of which three members must represent private industry, which may not be the same industry, and one member must represent public or higher education; [and]

(3) four members appointed by the lieutenant governor, of which three members must represent private industry, which may not be the same industry, and one member must represent public or higher education;

*(4) three members appointed by the chairman of the board;*

*(5) the commissioner of education, who serves as a nonvoting member; and*

*(6) the commissioner of higher education, who serves as a nonvoting member.*

(b) Members of the partnership appointed under Subsections (a)(1), (2), and (3) serve staggered two-year terms with the terms of eight members expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year and the terms of seven members expiring February 1 of each even-numbered year. *Each member appointed under Subsection (a)(4) serves a term that expires on the earlier of:*

*(1) the date the chairman that appointed the member ceases to be the chairman; or*

*(2) the second anniversary of the date the person was appointed.*

(d) Before the partnership's first meeting after the regular appointment of a member, the governor shall select a chairman from the partnership's private sector members appointed under Subsections (a)(1), (2), and (3).

*(f) The nonvoting members of the partnership board do not count in determining what constitutes a quorum of the board membership.*

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 8, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 23, 1993: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 18, 1993.

Effective Aug. 30, 1993, 90 days after date of adjournment.