

CHAPTER 120

S.B. No. 1814

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AN ACT

relating to a requirement that members of the Public Safety Commission hold a secret security clearance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 411.003, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The commission is composed of five citizens of this state appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Members must be selected because of their peculiar qualifications for the position and must reflect the diverse geographic regions and population groups of this state. Members must have and maintain a secret security clearance granted by the United States government. A member may serve on the commission upon the granting of an interim secret security clearance, but may not be given access to classified information, participate in a briefing involving classified information, or vote on an issue involving classified information until a secret security clearance has been finally approved by the United States government. Appointments to the commission shall be made without regard to race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin. In making an appointment the governor shall consider, among other things, the person's knowledge of laws, experience in the enforcement of law, honesty, integrity, education, training, and executive ability.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply to a

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1 member of the Public Safety Commission serving on or after the
2 effective date of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2013. _____

David Newkirk
President of the Senate

Joe Straus
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1814 passed the Senate on
April 29, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0. _____

Datsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1814 passed the House on
May 8, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 8, two present
not voting. _____

Robert Nancy
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

18 MAY '13
Date

RICK PERRY
Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
6 pm O'CLOCK
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Secretary of State