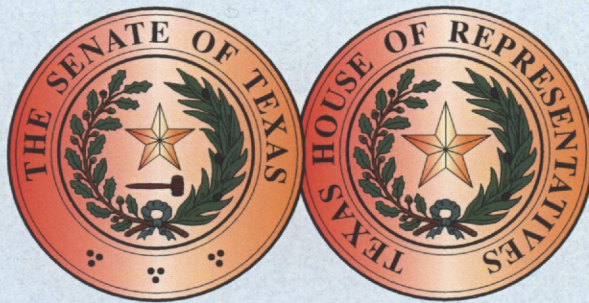


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Introduction

This document, which is updated by the Texas Legislative Council following each session of the legislature, provides information on the statutorily created entities on which the lieutenant governor and speaker of the house of representatives serve as ex officio members, those to which they appoint members, and those for which they provide nominees or other input relating to membership.

The main section of the document provides information on the boards, commissions, committees, task forces, and other panels on which the lieutenant governor or speaker of the house serve or to which they make appointments. Within each entity's entry, the **Function** section summarizes the entity's key powers and duties. The **Composition** section lists the entity's total membership and itemizes the number of members appointed by each of the presiding officers, members appointed by others, and any ex officio members as indicated in the enabling statute or legislation and includes information about the appointment of a presiding officer, a chair and co-chairs, terms of service of membership, and membership criteria. An **Expiration** section is included, as applicable, and provides the entity's sunset date or other expiration date included in the enabling statute or legislation. (Section 2110.008, Government Code, relating to the duration of advisory bodies, may be applicable to certain entities listed in the document.) The **Citation** section provides the section, article, chapter, or subchapter and the code of the enabling statute for the entity or the applicable uncodified session law and also includes, if applicable, a reference to the session law in the most recently completed regular or special session that amended the entity's membership or expiration date.

Appendix A provides information on the entities for which the lieutenant governor or speaker of the house provides nominees or other input on the member selection process. Appendix B provides a list of the entities included in this document that were created by the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session and 1st Called Session.

Advisory Board of Economic Development Stakeholders

Function:

- Assists the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office by collecting and disseminating information on federal, state, local, and private community economic development programs, including loans, grants, and other funding sources

Composition (7 members total):

- 3 members appointed by the governor
- 2 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 2 members appointed by the speaker of the house

Members serve staggered four-year terms.

Citation: Section 481.169, Government Code

Agriculture Policy Board

Function:

- Advocates and recommends strategies to: enhance agriculture production, income, and employment; benefit consumers; and promote efficient and sustainable use of natural resources
- Continues development of agriculture policy guidelines consistent with Section 2.003, Agriculture Code
- Reviews the following for compliance with those guidelines: all legislation that will impact agriculture in Texas; all agriculture budget issues; all current statutes that affect agriculture in Texas; and all agency rulemaking authority
- Establishes priorities for agriculture-related research and agency budgets

Composition (9 members total):

- The commissioner of the Texas Department of Agriculture
- The chair of the House Committee on Agriculture and Livestock
- 3 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house
- 4 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor

Appointed members preferably should have expertise in agriculture or represent predominantly rural or agriculturally oriented districts.

Legislative members serve two-year terms, and board membership terminates if membership in the legislature ceases for any reason.

Board members elect a chair from among the board's membership.

Board members shall create a 15-member ad hoc advisory committee.

Citation: Section 2.004, Agriculture Code

Bexar Metropolitan Water District Oversight Committee

Function:

- Monitors the progress of the district in maintaining a rate structure that conserves

water, provides adequate service to low-income customers, and assists in creating uniform rates among water utility providers in the region

- Monitors the quality of service provided by the district
- Monitors district plans to provide for sustainability of water resources and infrastructure needs
- Identifies regulatory and statutory barriers to achieving district goals

Composition (7 members total):

- 2 state senators who represent state senate districts that include territory within the water district, appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 2 state representatives who represent state house districts that include territory within the water district, appointed by the speaker of the house
- 2 members appointed by the governor, 1 of whom has special expertise in the operation of public water utilities and 1 of whom represents the public
- 1 member of the Bexar County Commissioners Court who represents a precinct in which customers of the district reside

The lieutenant governor designates one of the appointed state senators as co-chair of the committee and the speaker of the house designates one of the appointed state representatives as co-chair.

Expiration date: None, unless the voters of the water district approve the dissolution of the district at the next uniform election date, in which case the committee is abolished January 1, 2013

Citation: Section 33A, Chapter 306, Acts of the 49th Legislature, Regular Session, 1945, as amended by Chapters 1255 (S.B. 271) and 1256 (S.B. 341), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011

Bond Review Board

Function:

- Adopts debt issuance policies to guide issuers of state securities
- Approves the issuance of state bonds, delegates approval to the bond finance office, or exempts certain securities from requirement for approval
- Prepares reports and studies on state and local debt use and debt statistics

Composition (4 members total):

- The governor
- The lieutenant governor
- The speaker of the house
- The comptroller of public accounts

The governor serves as presiding officer.

A member may designate another person to act on the member's behalf.

If the speaker of the house is prohibited by the Texas Constitution from serving as a voting member, the speaker serves as a nonvoting member.

Citation: Chapter 1231, Government Code; Section 58.039, Agriculture Code; Section 20.111, Water Code

Business Tax Advisory Committee

Function:

- Conducts a biennial study of the effects of the franchise tax

Composition:

- The comptroller of public accounts
- 2 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 2 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house
- The following members appointed by the comptroller: at least 2 residents with expertise in state business taxation and at least 5 residents who are engaged, as either an employee or an owner, in a private business that is subject to the franchise tax

The comptroller serves as the presiding officer of the committee.

Expiration date: January 31, 2013

Citation: Section 171.214, Tax Code

Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas Oversight Committee

Function:

- Serves as the governing body of the institute
- Monitors and revises the Texas Cancer Plan, if needed
- Awards cancer research grants

Composition (11 members total):

- 3 members appointed by the governor
- 3 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 members appointed by the speaker of the house
- The comptroller of public accounts or the comptroller's designee
- The attorney general or the attorney general's designee

The governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house should attempt to appoint cancer survivors and family members of cancer patients.

Appointed members serve staggered six-year terms, with the terms of three members expiring January 31 of each odd-numbered year.

The committee selects a presiding officer from among its members.

Expiration date: September 1, 2021, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

Citation: Chapter 102, Health and Safety Code

Cash Management Committee

Function:

- Approves the issuance of tax and revenue anticipation notes and the maximum outstanding balance of notes

Composition (4 members total):

- The governor
- The lieutenant governor
- The speaker of the house
- The comptroller of public accounts

If the speaker of the house is not permitted by the Texas Constitution to serve as a voting member of the committee, the speaker serves as a nonvoting member.

Citation: Subchapter H, Chapter 404, Government Code (Section 404.121 et seq.); Subchapter N, Chapter 201, Transportation Code (Section 201.961 et seq.)

Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force

Function:

- Coordinates implementation of the state's cost-effective plan for prevention, early screening, diagnosis, and management of chronic kidney disease for the state's population through national, state, and local partners
- Educates health care professionals on the use of clinical practice guidelines for screening, detecting, diagnosing, treating, and managing chronic kidney disease, its comorbidities, and complications based on the Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative Clinical Practice Guidelines for Chronic Kidney Disease

Composition (17 members total):

- 13 members appointed by the governor, including:
 - 1 family practice physician
 - 1 pathologist
 - 1 representative from a nephrology department of a state medical school
 - 1 nephrologist in private practice
 - 2 representatives from different Texas affiliates of the National Kidney Foundation
 - 1 representative of the Department of State Health Services
 - 1 representative of an insurer that issues a preferred provider benefit plan or of a health maintenance organization
 - 1 representative of clinical laboratories
 - 1 representative of private renal care providers
 - 1 pediatrician in private practice
 - 1 kidney transplant surgeon
 - 1 representative from the Texas Renal Coalition
- 2 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 2 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house

The governor designates the presiding officer of the task force from among its members. Appointments shall be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee.

Expiration date: August 31, 2013

Citation: Chapter 98, Health and Safety Code, as added by Chapter 671 (H.B. 1373), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, and as amended by Chapter 1187 (H.B. 3724), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011

Commission on State Emergency Communications

Function:

- Implements and coordinates statewide 9-1-1 service and the poison control network, including regional poison control centers
- Imposes 9-1-1 emergency service fees and equalization surcharges to fund those activities
- Cooperates with state agencies and local governments in management of the emergency telephone call box system
- Coordinates the development, implementation, and management of an interconnected, state-level emergency services Internet Protocol network with the assistance of an advisory committee and appoints the advisory committee

Composition (12 members total):

- 5 members appointed by the governor, including:
 - 1 governing body member from a regional planning commission
 - 1 director of or governing body member from an emergency communication district
 - 1 member from a county commissioners court
 - 1 governing body member from a home-rule city that operates a 9-1-1 system independent of the state system
 - 1 representative of the public
- 2 representatives of the public, appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 2 representatives of the public, appointed by the speaker of the house
- 3 nonvoting ex officio members, consisting of the executive directors of the Department of Information Resources and Public Utility Commission of Texas, or their designees, and the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission, or a designee

The governor designates an appointed member to serve as presiding officer at the pleasure of the governor.

Appointments shall be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee.

Appointed members serve staggered six-year terms, with the terms of three members expiring September 1 of each odd-numbered year.

Expiration date: September 1, 2023, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

Citation: Subchapters A–D, Chapter 771, Health and Safety Code, as amended by Chapter 511 (H.B. 1861), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011; Chapter 777, Health and Safety Code; Section 226.007, Transportation Code

Committee to Adopt a Limit on the Rate of Growth of Appropriations

Function:

- Meets biennially to adopt or amend and adopt certain items of economic information submitted by the Legislative Budget Board (i.e., the estimated rate of growth of the state’s economy from the current biennium to the next, the level of appropriations for the current biennium from state tax revenues not dedicated by the constitution, and the amount of undedicated state tax revenues that could be appropriated for the succeeding biennium within the limit established by the estimated rate of growth of the state’s economy)

Composition (4 members total):

- The governor
- The lieutenant governor
- The speaker of the house
- The comptroller of public accounts

Citation: Section 316.005, Government Code

Committees on Campus Distinction Designations Criteria

Function:

- In 5 separate committees, develop criteria and advise the commissioner of education in awarding campus distinction designations for each of the following 5 performance categories or programs: academic achievement in English language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies; fine arts; physical education; a 21st Century Workforce Development program; and a second language acquisition program

Composition (each of the 5 committees may consist of up to 12 members):

- 4 members appointed by the governor for each committee
- 4 members appointed by the lieutenant governor for each committee
- 4 members appointed by the speaker of the house for each committee

Membership in each committee must include: individuals who practice as professionals in the relevant content area, individuals with subject matter expertise in the relevant content area, educators with subject matter expertise in the relevant content area, and community leaders, including leaders from the business community.

The governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house are authorized but not required to appoint one person from each of the above classes of individuals to each committee.

Citation: Section 39.204, Education Code

Communities in Schools Advisory Committee

Function:

- Advises and provides guidance to programs operated under the auspices of the Communities in Schools program

Composition (9 members total):

- 3 members appointed by the governor
- 3 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 members appointed by the speaker of the house

Expiration date: None stated, but the enabling legislation provided only for funding from the 2001 General Appropriations Act; the current appropriation to the Texas Education Agency continues the committee by providing for reimbursement of its members' expenses

Citation: Section 16, Chapter 1156 (H.B. 2879), Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001; Rider 12, page III-8, Chapter 1355 (H.B. 1), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011 (the General Appropriations Act)

Comptroller's Property Value Study Advisory Committee

Function:

- Advises the comptroller of public accounts on rules relating to the conduct of a study of property value appraisals in a school district

Composition (9 members total):

- 1 state senator appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 1 state representative appointed by the speaker of the house
- 2 members who represent appraisal districts, appointed by the comptroller
- 2 members who represent school districts, appointed by the comptroller
- 3 members appointed by the comptroller who are Texas residents and who are school district taxpayers or have expertise in school district taxation or ratio studies

Citation: Section 403.302(m), Government Code, as added by Section 2, Chapter 288 (H.B. 8), Acts of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009; redesignated as Section 403.302(m-1), Government Code, by Chapter 91 (S.B. 1303), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011

Criminal Justice Legislative Oversight Committee

Function:

- Conducts an in-depth examination of the criminal justice system, including an assessment of the cost-effectiveness of the use of state and local funds in the criminal justice system, an identification of critical problems in the system, and a determination of the long-range needs of the system
- Makes recommendations to the legislature relating to the committee's examination and advises and assists the legislature in improving the effectiveness of the criminal justice system

Composition (6 members total):

- The chair of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice
- The chair of the House Committee on Corrections
- 2 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 2 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house

The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house, in making their appointments, must give first consideration to members of the senate who are members of the Senate Committee on Finance and members of the house who are members of the House Committee on Appropriations.

An appointed member serves at the pleasure of the appointing official.

The presiding officer of the committee is designated by the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house on an alternating basis. The presiding officer serves a two-year term that expires February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

Citation: Chapter 328, Government Code

Edwards Aquifer Legislative Oversight Committee

Function:

- Examines and reports to the legislature on the effectiveness of state and local governmental entities in meeting the purposes of the Edwards Aquifer Authority
- Reviews the activities of the authority, the implementation of its enabling legislation, the activities of the South Central Texas Water Advisory Committee, compliance with federal endangered species laws, and regional water pollution control activities

Composition (6 members total):

- 3 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house

Citation: Section 3.01, Chapter 626 (S.B. 1477), Acts of the 73rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1993

Elections Advisory Committee

Function:

- Evaluates the secretary of state's tabulation of unofficial returns for each primary and general election
- Reviews and makes recommendations on the secretary of state's election operations manual

Composition (23 members total):

- 6 members appointed by the secretary of state
- 6 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 6 members appointed by the speaker of the house
- 5 ex officio members or their designees: the president of the Texas Association of Broadcasters, the president of the Texas Press Association, the president of the Texas

Daily Newspaper Association, the chief state executive officer of the Associated Press, and the chief state executive officer of United Press International

At least four of the six members appointed by each of the appointing officers must be members of the various media organizations covering Texas elections.

Appointments shall be made without regard to the race, creed, sex, religion, and national origin of the appointee.

An appointing officer or a designee may serve on the committee in lieu of one of the six appointees.

Appointed members serve two-year terms beginning on January 1 of each even-numbered year.

The secretary of state designates a chair and vice chair from among the media organization membership of the committee.

Citation: Subchapter C, Chapter 68, Election Code (Section 68.051 et seq.)

Employees Retirement System of Texas Board of Trustees

Function:

- Responsible for the general administration and operation of the retirement system

Composition (6 members total):

- 1 member appointed by the governor
- 1 member appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court
- 1 member appointed by the speaker of the house
- 3 members of the retirement system nominated and elected by the system membership

The appointments are made with the advice and consent of the senate.

Appointed trustees hold office for staggered six-year terms, with the term of one trustee expiring August 31 of each even-numbered year.

Appointments shall be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee.

The board elects a presiding officer from its membership.

Citation: Chapter 815, Government Code

Environmental Flows Advisory Group

Function:

- Conducts public hearings and studies public policy implications for balancing the demands on water resources resulting from a growing population with the requirements of riverine, bay, and estuary systems

Composition (9 members total):

- 3 members appointed by the governor, which must include:
 - 1 member of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
 - 1 member of the Texas Water Development Board
 - 1 member of the Parks and Wildlife Commission

- 3 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house

Expiration date: The advisory group is abolished on the date the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has adopted environmental flow standards under Section 11.1471, Water Code.

Citation: Section 11.0236, Water Code

Executive Committee of the Office for the Prevention of Developmental Disabilities

Function:

- Serves as the governing board for the Office for the Prevention of Developmental Disabilities, which has various duties relating to developmental disabilities defined as severe, chronic impairments of a mental or physical nature, or both, that are manifested before the age of 22 and are likely to continue indefinitely

Composition (9 members total):

- 3 members appointed by the governor
- 3 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 members appointed by the speaker of the house

Members serve staggered six-year terms expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

Appointments shall be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee.

All members must have expertise in the field of developmental disabilities.

The governor designates from among the membership a presiding officer who serves at the will of the governor.

Citation: Subchapter C, Chapter 112, Human Resources Code (Section 112.041 et seq.)

Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission

Function:

- Reviews methods, practices, circumstances, and conditions for conserving the fisheries of the Gulf Coast

Composition: Each state participating in the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Compact appoints 3 members of the commission. The Texas members are as follows:

- The executive director of the Parks and Wildlife Department or a designee from the department
- A legislator appointed jointly by the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house
- A citizen with a knowledge of marine fisheries problems, appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate

The legislative appointee serves until he or she ceases to hold legislative office.

Citation: Chapter 91, Parks and Wildlife Code

Homeland Security Council

Function:

- Advises the governor on matters relating to the development and coordination of a statewide critical infrastructure protection strategy, implementation of the governor's homeland security strategy, and related matters
- Submits an annual report to the governor stating the council's progress in developing and coordinating the statewide critical infrastructure protection strategy, the status and funding of state programs designed to detect and deter homeland security emergencies, recommendations on actions to reduce homeland security threats, and recommendations for improving the alert, response, and recovery capabilities of state and local agencies

Composition (30 members total):

- The governor or the governor's designee
- The lieutenant governor or the lieutenant governor's designee
- The speaker of the house or the speaker's designee
- 1 representative of each of the following 27 entities, appointed by the single statewide elected or appointed governing officer, administrative head, or chair, as appropriate: Department of Agriculture, attorney general's office, General Land Office, Public Utility Commission of Texas, Department of State Health Services, Department of Information Resources, Department of Public Safety, Texas Division of Emergency Management, adjutant general's department, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Railroad Commission of Texas, Texas Strategic Military Planning Commission, Texas Department of Transportation, Commission on State Emergency Communications, Office of State-Federal Relations, secretary of state, Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security, House Committee on Defense and Veterans' Affairs, Texas Animal Health Commission, Texas Association of Regional Councils, Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education, State Fire Marshal's Office, Texas Education Agency, Texas Commission on Fire Protection, Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Forest Service, and Texas Water Development Board

The governor shall designate the presiding officer.

The council meets at the call of the governor at least once each quarter in a calendar year.

Citation: Section 421.021, Government Code

Inaugural Committee

Function:

- Makes arrangements for inaugural ceremonies

Composition:

- A chair and co-chair appointed by the governor-elect
- A co-chair appointed by the lieutenant governor-elect

- Additional members appointed by the governor-elect and the lieutenant governor-elect as they consider necessary

Expiration date: The committee is dissolved on completion of its duties each inaugural year.

Citation: Sections 401.001–401.010, Government Code

Inaugural Endowment Fund Committee

Function:

- Administers the inaugural endowment fund and authorizes fund expenditures for certain purposes
- Not later than October 1 of each year, files a report with the secretary of state detailing expenditures for the preceding state fiscal year

Composition (4 members total):

- The chair of the Texas Historical Commission
- 1 member appointed by the governor
- 1 member appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 1 member appointed by the speaker of the house

Any other laws precluding appointment of spouses are inapplicable.

The governor designates the committee's chair from among its members.

Members serve two-year terms expiring on the third Tuesday in January in odd-numbered years.

Citation: Section 401.011, Government Code

Interagency Task Force for Children with Special Needs

Function:

- Coordinates with federal agencies to compile a list of opportunities to increase flexible funding for services for children with special needs
- Conducts a review of state agency policies and procedures and performs a needs assessment related to service delivery for children with special needs
- Develops a five-year plan to improve coordination, quality, and efficiency of services and reports biennially on the progress of each agency represented on the task force

Composition (18 members total):

- The commissioner, the executive director or director, or a deputy or assistant commissioner of the following 10 agencies, as designated by the commissioner, executive director, or director of that agency or office: the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC); the Department of Aging and Disability Services; the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS); the division of early childhood intervention services within DARS; the Department of Family and Protective Services; the Department of State Health Services; the Texas Education

Agency (TEA); the Texas Youth Commission (TYC); the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission; and the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments

- 8 nonvoting members, as follows:
 - 1 member appointed by the governor representing a local mental health authority or a local mental retardation authority
 - 2 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house
 - 2 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
 - 3 parents or consumer advocates, 1 each appointed by HHSC, TEA, and TYC

The three members representing parents or consumer advocates may serve a five-year term or may elect to serve for a shorter period.

The task force shall meet at least once each quarter.

Expiration date: September 1, 2015, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

Citation: Chapter 115, Health and Safety Code, as added by Chapters 835 (S.B. 1824) and 1133 (H.B. 2196), Acts of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009

Interscholastic League Advisory Council

Function:

- Reviews the rules of the University Interscholastic League (UIL) and makes related recommendations to the governor, the legislature, the UIL legislative council, and the State Board of Education
- Studies gender equity, the geographic distribution of UIL resources and programs, and UIL eligibility policy relating to student participation in UIL programs

Composition (11 members total):

- 2 members of the State Board of Education appointed by the board chair
- 2 public school board members and 3 members of the public appointed by the commissioner of education
- 2 members of the legislative council of the UIL appointed by the council chair
- 1 state senator appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 1 state representative appointed by the speaker of the house

For public members, the commissioner shall give special consideration to students, parents of students, and teachers.

Members serve at the will of the appointing official.

The council selects a chair from among its membership.

Citation: Section 33.084, Education Code

Interstate Natural Energy and Water Resources Commission

Function:

- Conducts studies and makes recommendations to the states that are party to the Interstate Compact for the Conservation and Utilization of Natural Energy and Water

Resources regarding the conservation and wise use of natural energy and water resources by those states

- Recommends methods of coordinating the exercise of state power to promote maximum conservation and use of energy and water resources

Composition: Each state that is a party to the compact appoints 3 members to the commission.

The Texas members are as follows:

- 1 commissioner appointed by the governor
- 1 commissioner appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 1 commissioner appointed by the speaker of the house

Commissioners serve two-year terms and until their successors are appointed and have qualified.

Note: Appointments are not to be made until the compact is ratified by three of the five eligible states. To date, only Texas has ratified the compact.

Citation: Chapter 142, Natural Resources Code

Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program Advisory Board

Function:

- Reviews grant applications from public junior colleges, public technical institutes, and eligible nonprofit organizations and makes recommendations to the comptroller of public accounts regarding the award of grants

Composition (7 members total):

- 1 member appointed by the governor
- 1 member appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 1 member appointed by the speaker of the house
- 1 member appointed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- 1 member appointed by the Texas Workforce Commission
- 1 member of the public appointed by the comptroller of public accounts
- The comptroller of public accounts

Members serve two-year terms.

The comptroller serves as the presiding officer.

The advisory board shall meet at least once each quarter.

Citation: Section 403.353, Government Code; Section 134.003, Education Code

Joint Interim Committee to Study Seacoast Territory Insurance

Function:

- Examines alternative ways to provide insurance to the seacoast territory of Texas
- Studies the efficiency of residual markets for windstorm and hail insurance in other states
- Studies effective windstorm-related building codes and mitigation strategies
- Makes recommendations regarding the authority, responsibility, and organizational

structure for an entity to provide insurance to Texas seacoast territory; a timetable for implementation; and necessary amendments to state laws and rules

- Estimates funding requirements to implement the recommendations
- Reports the recommendations to the governor and the legislature not later than December 1, 2012

Composition (12 members total):

- 4 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor, 2 of whom represent one or more first tier coastal counties and 2 of whom do not represent such a county
- 4 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, 2 of whom represent one or more first tier coastal counties and 2 of whom do not represent such a county
- 4 public members with a background in actuarial science, law, business, or insurance, as follows:
 - 2 members who do not reside in a first tier coastal county, appointed by the governor
 - 1 member who resides in a first tier coastal county, appointed by the lieutenant governor
 - 1 member who resides in a first tier coastal county, appointed by the speaker of the house

The speaker of the house and the lieutenant governor jointly designate a chair or, alternatively, designate two co-chairs, from among the committee membership, one of whom represents or resides in a first tier coastal county.

Expiration date: June 1, 2013

Citation: Section 60, Chapter 2 (H.B. 3), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2011

Legislative Audit Committee

Function:

- Appoints the state auditor
- Oversees the state auditor's office

Composition (6 members total):

- The lieutenant governor
- The speaker of the house
- The chair of the Senate Committee on Finance
- 1 other state senator appointed by the lieutenant governor
- The chair of the House Committee on Appropriations
- The chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means

*The lieutenant governor and speaker of the house serve as joint chairs.
The committee elects a secretary.*

Citation: Chapter 321, Government Code

Legislative Budget Board

Function:

- Reviews all state agency budget requests
- Recommends the general appropriations bill to the legislature each biennium
- Oversees the operations of the legislative budget office, which also conducts performance audits of state agencies and prepares fiscal notes to estimate the fiscal impact of proposed legislation
- Conducts performance review of interscholastic competition, school districts, institutions of higher education, state agencies, and state records management

Composition (10 members total):

- The lieutenant governor
- The speaker of the house
- The chair of the Senate Committee on Finance
- 3 other state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- The chair of the House Committee on Appropriations
- The chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means
- 2 other state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house

The lieutenant governor and speaker of the house serve as joint chairs.

Citation: Chapter 322, Government Code

Legislative Committee on Aging

Function:

- Studies issues relating to the aging population of the state, including issues related to the health care, income, transportation, housing, education, and employment needs of that population
- Analyzes the availability of, and unmet needs for, state and local services for the aging population
- Submits a biennial report to the standing committees of the house and senate having appropriate jurisdiction, including a summary of hearings and studies conducted by the committee, a statement of findings, and any recommendations for legislation

Composition (6 members total):

- 2 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 2 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house
- 2 public members appointed by the governor

The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house appoint the presiding officer on an alternating basis.

The presiding officer serves a two-year term expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

A member of the committee serves at the pleasure of the appointing official.

Citation: Subchapter G, Chapter 161, Human Resources Code (Section 161.251 et seq.)

Legislative Library Board

Function:

- Oversees the Legislative Reference Library

Composition (6 members total):

- The lieutenant governor
- The speaker of the house
- 2 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- The chair of the House Committee on Appropriations
- 1 other state representative appointed by the speaker of the house

Citation: Chapter 324, Government Code

Legislative Oversight Committee on Higher Education

Function:

- Monitors and regularly reports to the legislature on each institution of higher education's compliance with requirements to make satisfactory progress toward the goals provided in both the institution's and the state's master plans for higher education and with requirements to meet acceptable performance criteria such as graduation and retention rates, enrollment growth, educational quality, efforts to enhance minority participation, opportunities for financial aid, and affordability
- Makes recommendations for any legislative action it considers necessary

Composition (12 members total):

- 6 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 6 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house

The lieutenant governor and speaker of the house each designate one appointee as a co-chair.

Committee members serve at the pleasure of the appointing official. In making appointments, the lieutenant governor and speaker of the house must attempt to appoint persons who represent the gender composition, minority populations, and geographic regions of the state.

Citation: Section 54.0515, Education Code

Legislative Oversight Committee on the TEXAS Grant Program and Teach for Texas Grant Program

Function:

- Monitors the operation of the two grant programs, with emphasis on the manner and number of awards and the educational progress of grant recipients
- Reviews recommendations for legislation proposed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

- Files a biennial report with the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house identifying any problems with the two programs, with recommended solutions

Composition (6 members total):

- 3 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house

Citation: Section 56.311, Education Code

Legislative Redistricting Board

Function:

- If the legislature fails to apportion the state into senatorial or representative districts at its first regular session following publication of the federal census, the board makes the apportionment

Composition (5 members total):

- The lieutenant governor
- The speaker of the house
- The attorney general
- The comptroller of public accounts
- The commissioner of the General Land Office

Citation: Section 28, Article III, Texas Constitution

Medicaid Reform Waiver Legislative Oversight Committee

Function:

- Facilitates the design and development of the Medicaid reform waiver that the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission is required to seek
- Facilitates a smooth transition from existing Medicaid payment systems and benefit designs to a new model of Medicaid enabled by the waiver
- Researches, takes public testimony, and issues reports requested by the lieutenant governor or speaker of the house
- Reports to the lieutenant governor and speaker of the house on certain issues regarding Medicaid effectiveness and impact not later than November 15, 2012

Composition (8 members total):

- 4 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 4 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house

A committee member serves at the pleasure of the appointing official.

The governor designates a member as the presiding officer.

Expiration date: September 1, 2013

Citation: Section 13.03, Chapter 7 (S.B. 7), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2011

Office of State-Federal Relations Advisory Policy Board

Function:

- Reviews the priorities and strategies of the Office of State-Federal Relations as set forth in the office's annual report
- Members sign contracts between the office and a federal-level government relations consultant

Composition (3 members total):

- The governor
- The lieutenant governor
- The speaker of the house

A member may designate a person to perform the member's duties on the board.

The board selects a member to serve as presiding officer and meets before the beginning of each congressional session and at the call of the presiding officer.

Expiration date: The Office of State-Federal Relations is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act), and unless continued by the legislature under that chapter, the office and its policy board expire September 1, 2021.

Citation: Chapter 751, Government Code, as amended by Chapter 1232 (S.B. 652), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011

Oil-Field Cleanup Fund Advisory Committee

Function:

- Receives information about rules proposed by the Railroad Commission of Texas relating to the oil-field cleanup fund and may submit comments regarding those rule proposals
- Reviews the commission's proposed recommendations for legislation
- Monitors the effectiveness of the oil-field cleanup fund
- Submits a biennial report to the governor and the legislature's presiding officers that includes an analysis of any problems with the fund's administration and recommendations for any legislation needed either to address those problems or to further the fund's purposes

Composition (10 members total):

- 1 state senator appointed by the lieutenant governor
- The chair of the house committee with primary jurisdiction over matters affecting energy resources
- 1 public member appointed by the governor
- 1 member appointed by the lieutenant governor from the academic field of geology or economics
- 1 member appointed by the speaker of the house from the academic field of geology or economics
- The executive officer of each of the following 5 entities: the Texas Oil and Gas Association; the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association; the

Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association; the Permian Basin Petroleum Association; and the Alliance of Energy Producers

Any of the above executive officers may designate a person to serve in the officer's stead.

Citation: Section 91.1135, Natural Resources Code

Partnership Advisory Commission (for facility and infrastructure projects)

Function:

- Advises certain responsible governmental entities, including boards, commissions, departments, institutions of higher education, and other state agencies, on proposals received under provisions relating to public and private facilities and infrastructure

Composition (11 members total):

- The chair of the House Committee on Appropriations or the chair's designee
- 3 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house
- The chair of the Senate Committee on Finance or the chair's designee
- 3 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 representatives of the executive branch, appointed by the governor

Legislative members serve on the commission until the expiration of their terms of office or until their successors qualify. Members appointed by the governor serve at the will of the governor.

Commission members elect from the legislative members a presiding officer and an assistant presiding officer to serve two-year terms.

Citation: Chapter 2268, Government Code, as added by Chapter 1334 (S.B. 1048), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011

Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board

Function:

- Administers the prepaid higher education tuition program within the office of the comptroller of public accounts
- Administers the higher education savings plan
- Administers the prepaid tuition unit undergraduate education program

Composition (7 members total):

- The comptroller of public accounts
- 2 members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate
- 4 members appointed by the lieutenant governor, at least 2 of whom must be from a list of persons recommended by the speaker of the house

Appointments shall be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee.

The appointed members must possess knowledge, skill, and experience in higher education, business, or finance.

The appointed members serve staggered six-year terms. The terms of one-third of those members expire February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

Expiration date: September 1, 2021, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

Citation: Subchapter F, Chapter 54, Education Code (Section 54.6001 et seq.), as amended by Chapter 1232 (S.B. 652), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011; Subchapter G, Chapter 54, Education Code (Section 54.701 et seq.); Subchapter H, Chapter 54, Education Code (Section 54.751 et seq.)

Primary Care Residency Advisory Committee

Function:

- Reviews applications submitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and funding of primary care residency training program expansion
- Makes recommendations to the board relating to standards and criteria for approval of residency training and related support programs
- Reviews applications for faculty enhancement for generalist physicians at medical schools and makes recommendations on related standards and criteria
- Monitors compliance with contractual conditions associated with faculty enhancement awards
- Evaluates the success of the faculty enhancement program

Composition (12 members total):

- 1 public member appointed by the governor
- 1 public member appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 1 public member appointed by the speaker of the house
- 7 licensed physicians, 1 each appointed by the following entities: the Texas Medical Association, the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association, the Texas Academy of Family Physicians, the Texas Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, the Texas Society of Internal Medicine, the Texas Pediatric Society, and the Texas Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- 1 member appointed by the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (now the Office of Rural Affairs in the Department of Agriculture)
- 1 member appointed by the Bureau of Community Oriented Primary Care at the Department of State Health Services

Members serve staggered three-year terms.

The committee members elect a committee chair, who serves a one-year term.

Citation: Section 58.007, Education Code

Public Transportation Advisory Committee

Function:

- Advises the Texas Transportation Commission on the needs and problems of the

state's public transportation providers, including the methods for allocating state public transportation money

- Comments on rules involving public transportation during development of rules and before the commission finally adopts rules unless an emergency requires immediate commission action
- Advises the commission on implementation of the statewide coordination of public transportation services

Composition (9 members total):

- 3 members appointed by the governor
- 3 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 members appointed by the speaker of the house

Of the three members appointed by each official, one must represent a diverse cross-section of public transportation providers, one must represent a diverse cross-section of public transportation users, and one must represent the general public.

The members of the advisory committee must reflect the diversity of the state.

A member serves at the pleasure of the officer who appointed the member.

A commission-appointed member serving on the committee before the change in law requiring its membership to be appointed by the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house is entitled to serve the remainder of the member's term. The first two members whose positions expire or become vacant may not be replaced.

Citation: Section 455.004, Transportation Code; Section 2, Chapter 117 (H.B. 2219), Acts of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009

Select Committee on Economic Development

Function:

- Recommends to the legislature an economic development policy for the state
- Conducts a study and makes recommendations to the legislature regarding state and local economic development incentives
- Develops criteria for evaluating the effectiveness of existing economic development policies and incentives in Texas and makes recommendations the committee considers necessary to improve those policies and incentives
- Considers the benefits of consolidating state and local economic development incentives into a single statewide office or agency
- Evaluates existing state or local economic development incentives and makes recommendations regarding the continuation, elimination, or modification of those incentives based on criteria developed by the committee
- Makes recommendations on whether the state should adopt new incentives to better accomplish the state's economic development policy
- Submits a report of the committee's findings, studies, and recommendations to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and each member of the legislature not later than January 1, 2013

Composition (12 members total):

- 4 public members appointed by the governor, 2 of whom are owners or employees of a business with significant operations in Texas and 1 of whom is a member of the governing body of a municipality or county
- 2 public members appointed by the lieutenant governor, 1 of whom is an owner or employee of a business with significant operations in Texas
- 2 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 2 public members appointed by the speaker of the house, 1 of whom is an owner or employee of a business with significant operations in Texas
- 2 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house

The governor selects the presiding officer of the committee from among its members.

Expiration date: September 1, 2013

Citation: Chapter 119 (H.B. 2785), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011

Small Business Compliance Assistance Advisory Panel

Function:

- Gives advisory opinions on the effectiveness of the small business compliance assistance program, the difficulties of implementing it, and the incidence and severity of enforcement
- Reports periodically to the program's administrator regarding the program's compliance with the federal Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, federal Regulatory Flexibility Act, and federal Equal Access to Justice Act
- Reviews information provided by the program to small businesses to ensure that the information is understandable to nonexperts

Composition (7 members total):

- 2 public members who are neither owners nor representatives of owners of small business stationary sources, appointed by the governor
- 2 members who are either owners or representatives of owners of small business stationary sources, appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 2 members who are either owners or representatives of owners of small business stationary sources, appointed by the speaker of the house
- 1 member appointed by the chairman of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to represent that agency

Citation: Section 5.135, Water Code

South Central Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact Advisory Committee

Function:

- Meets periodically with compact administrators to provide advice regarding the compact

Composition (4 members total):

- 2 members appointed by the governor, 1 of whom is a member of the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System and 1 of whom is associated with forestry or a forest products industry
- 1 state senator appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 1 state representative appointed by the speaker of the house

Citation: Sections 88.114 and 88.116, Education Code

Southern States Energy Board

Function:

- Determines a regional position on energy-related and environmental concerns
- Collects energy information
- Conducts training programs for state and local personnel
- Performs various other functions related to energy and environmental concerns

Composition: The board consists of 3 members from each state participating in the Southern States Energy Compact. Members from Texas are as follows:

- 1 member appointed by the governor
- 1 state senator appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 1 state representative appointed by the speaker of the house

Members serve at the pleasure of the appointing official.

A member who is a legislator or the head of a state agency or department may designate a subordinate officer or employee of the member's legislative chamber or agency to act on the member's behalf.

Citation: Chapter 761, Government Code

State Cemetery Committee

Function:

- Oversees all State Cemetery operations
- For persons not automatically eligible for the State Cemetery, authorizes burials and reviews and approves those submitted by the governor or legislature

Composition (6 members total):

- 1 member of the public appointed by the governor
- 1 member of the public appointed by the governor from a list submitted by the lieutenant governor
- 1 member of the public appointed by the governor from a list submitted by the speaker of the house
- 1 employee of the Texas Historical Commission appointed by the commission's executive director
- 1 employee of the Texas Facilities Commission appointed by the commission's executive director

- 1 employee of the Parks and Wildlife Department appointed by the department's executive director

Public members appointed by the governor serve as voting members on the committee, and state agency employee members serve as nonvoting advisory members.

Appointments shall be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee.

Advisory members serve at the appointing agencies' will and vacate their positions on the committee if they cease to be employees of the agencies appointing them.

The governor designates the committee's presiding officer from among the committee's members, and the presiding officer serves in that capacity for two years.

Voting members serve staggered six-year terms, with one member's term expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

Citation: Sections 2165.256 and 2165.2561, Government Code

State Council on Competitive Government

Function:

- Identifies commercially available services currently being performed by state agencies and identifies and pursues opportunities to select providers through competition with private commercial sources or other state agency service providers
- Performs duties relating to enhanced child support enforcement and the making of recommendations concerning competitive bidding of related functions
- Determines the cost-effectiveness of consolidating the human resources functions of or contracting with private entities to perform the human resources functions of state agencies that employ fewer than 500 full-time equivalent employees

Composition (7 members total):

- The governor
- The lieutenant governor
- The speaker of the house
- The comptroller of public accounts
- The presiding officer of the Texas Facilities Commission
- The commissioner of the Texas Workforce Commission representing labor
- The commissioner of the General Land Office

The governor is the presiding officer.

Members may appoint designees as representatives on the council.

If the speaker of the house is not permitted by the Texas Constitution to serve as a voting member of the council, the speaker serves as a nonvoting member.

Citation: Chapter 2162, Government Code; Sections 236.001 and 236.002, Family Code; Section 670.003, Government Code

State Employee Charitable Campaign Policy Committee

Function:

- Establishes local campaign areas
- Selects a state campaign manager and appoints local campaign committee presiding officers
- Determines the eligibility of federations or funds and their affiliated agencies for statewide participation in the campaign
- Approves the recommended campaign plan, budget, and generic material to be used by campaign managers
- Oversees the state campaign to ensure that all campaign activities are conducted fairly and equitably to promote unified solicitation on behalf of all participants
- Performs other duties prescribed by the comptroller's rules

Composition (Not more than 13 members total):

- 7 members, 4 of whom are state employees at the time of appointment and 3 of whom are retired state employees receiving state benefits, appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the state senate
- Up to 3 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- Up to 3 members appointed by the comptroller of public accounts

The committee elects a chairman biennially from the committee's membership and the membership must represent different levels of employee classification.

Appointments shall be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee.

Members serve two-year terms.

Expiration date: September 1, 2013, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

Citation: Subchapter I, Chapter 659, Government Code (Section 659.131 et seq.), as amended by Chapter 1015 (H.B. 2549), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011

State Pension Review Board

Function:

- Conducts a continuing review of public retirement systems
- Conducts studies of threats to actuarial soundness and inhibitions to equitable benefit distribution
- Provides information and technical assistance on pension planning
- Recommends policies, practices, and legislation
- Reports to the legislature and governor

Composition (9 members total):

- 7 members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, including:
 - 1 who has experience in the field of governmental finance

- 1 who is a contributing member of a public retirement system
- 1 who is a recipient of retirement benefits from a public retirement system
- 1 who is a fellow of the Society of Actuaries, a member of the American Academy of Actuaries, or an enrolled actuary under the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974
- 3 who have experience in securities investment, pension administration, or pension law but are not members or retirees of a public retirement system
- 1 state senator appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 1 state representative appointed by the speaker of the house

Appointments shall be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee.

Members hold office for staggered six-year terms, with the terms of three members expiring January 31 of each odd-numbered year.

The governor designates a board member as presiding officer, who serves at the will of the governor.

Expiration date: September 1, 2013, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

Citation: Chapter 801, Government Code

State Preservation Board

Function:

- Oversees the preservation, maintenance, and restoration of the State Capitol, General Land Office Building, Governor's Mansion, Pease Mansion, and Shivers Mansion, and their contents and grounds
- Develops, constructs, governs, and operates a state history museum
- Provides for visitor parking and vehicle parking policies in the Capitol Complex and for the installation of parking meters with the Department of Public Safety
- Provides for public tours of the Capitol and other buildings and grounds

Composition (6 members total):

- The governor
- The lieutenant governor
- The speaker of the house
- 1 public member appointed by the governor
- 1 state senator appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 1 state representative appointed by the speaker of the house

Appointments shall be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee.

Appointees of the lieutenant governor and speaker of the house serve two-year terms expiring on the date the regular session convenes.

The appointee of the governor serves a two-year term expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

Expiration date: September 1, 2013, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

Citation: Chapters 443 and 445, Government Code

Sunset Advisory Commission

Function:

- Reviews agencies due to be abolished under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)
- As part of its review process, conducts public hearings and drafts a final report of its findings with the commission's recommendations for each agency

Composition (12 members total):

- 5 state senators and 1 public member appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 5 state representatives and 1 public member appointed by the speaker of the house

The lieutenant governor and speaker of the house may serve as legislative appointees but not as public member appointees. They serve until they either resign from the commission or cease to hold their presiding offices.

Other legislative members serve staggered four-year terms, with as near to half of the positions from each chamber as possible becoming vacant September 1 of each odd-numbered year.

Public members serve two-year terms expiring September 1 of each odd-numbered year.

Public members who have served two consecutive terms, or at least half of each of those terms, may not be appointed to a third consecutive term.

Legislative members other than the lieutenant governor and speaker of the house who have served a full term may not be appointed to an immediately succeeding term.

A member who has served a total of six years may not be reappointed.

Citation: Chapter 325, Government Code

Task Force to Reduce Child Abuse and Neglect and Improve Child Welfare

Function:

- Identifies all existing programs in the state relating to reducing child abuse and neglect or improving child welfare and such programs that receive state money
- Establishes a strategy for reducing child abuse and neglect and for improving child welfare in Texas
- Submits a strategic plan to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house not later than December 1, 2012

Composition (9 members total):

- 7 members appointed by the governor, 2 of whom are appointed from a list of candidates submitted by the speaker of the house
- 2 members appointed by the lieutenant governor

Members of the task force are individuals who are actively involved in the prevention of child abuse and neglect and the improvement of child welfare and who represent a diversity of backgrounds.

Appointments shall be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee.

A presiding officer is elected by a majority vote of the task force membership.

Expiration date: September 1, 2013

Citation: Subchapter H-1, Chapter 264, Family Code (Section 264.721 et seq.), as added by Chapter 435 (S.B. 1154), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011

Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science Advisory Board

Function:

- Makes recommendations to the dean of the academy concerning admission criteria and policies, extracurricular activities, programs of study, and rules for student discipline and for management of the academy and its programs
- Conducts an annual evaluation of the programs of the academy, which is a division of the University of North Texas

Composition (9 members total):

- 1 member appointed by the governor
- 1 member appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 1 member appointed by the speaker of the house
- 2 members appointed by the president of the University of North Texas
- 1 member appointed by the chair of the State Board of Education
- 1 member appointed by the commissioner of higher education
- 1 member appointed by the president of the Texas Association of School Administrators
- 1 member appointed by the president of the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented

Members serve six-year terms.

Citation: Section 105.302, Education Code

Texas Bioenergy Policy Council

Function:

- Promotes the goal of making biofuels a significant part of the state energy industry not later than January 1, 2019, through research and development relating to cellulosic-based and bio-based fuels and bioenergy resources for commercial production, works to procure federal and other funding for these and other efforts, and studies the feasibility and economic development effect of requirements for pipeline-quality, renewable natural gas

Composition (18 members total):

- The commissioner of agriculture

- 1 representative of the Railroad Commission of Texas designated by the commission
- 1 representative of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality designated by the commission
- 1 representative of the Public Utility Commission of Texas designated by the commission
- 1 representative of the Texas Water Development Board designated by the board
- The chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or the person designated by the chancellor
- The chancellor of the Texas Tech University System, or the person designated by the chancellor
- The chancellor of The University of Texas System, or the person designated by the chancellor
- 1 state senator appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 1 state representative appointed by the speaker of the house
- 8 members appointed by the governor, with each of the following industries or groups represented by 1 member: research and development of feedstock and feedstock production; retail distribution of energy; transportation of biomass feedstock; agricultural production for bioenergy production or agricultural waste used for production of bioenergy; production of biodiesel from nonfood feedstocks; production of ethanol from nonfood feedstocks; bio-based electricity generation; and chemical manufacturing

The eight members appointed by the governor serve at the pleasure of the governor and have two-year staggered terms, with the terms of either three or four members expiring on January 1 of each year. The governor fills any vacancy in a position appointed by the governor for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Appointments must be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee.

The commissioner of agriculture serves as chair of the council.

Citation: Chapter 50D, Agriculture Code

Texas Council on Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders

Function:

- Advises the Texas Board of Health and recommends needed action for the benefit of victims of Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders and their caregivers
- Coordinates public and private family support networking systems for primary family caregivers
- Disseminates information on services and related activities for victims of Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders
- Coordinates a volunteer assistance program primarily for in-home and respite care services
- Encourages research to benefit victims of Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders
- Recommends to the board disbursement of grants and funds available for the council
- Facilitates coordination of state agency services and activities relating to victims of Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders

Composition (17 members total):

- 5 public members, 1 of whom is a primary family caregiver for an Alzheimer’s victim, 1 of whom is a relative of a victim of Alzheimer’s disease or a related disorder but is not a primary family caregiver, 2 of whom are members of an Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders support group, and 1 of whom is an interested citizen
- 7 professional members with special training and interest in Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders, including 1 representative each of nursing homes, physicians, nurses, public hospitals, private hospitals, home health agencies, and faculty of institutions of higher education
- The chief executive officers or their designated representatives of the following 5 agencies: the Texas Department on Aging, Texas Department of Health, Texas Department of Human Services, Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, and Long-Term Care Coordinating Council for the Elderly

The governor appoints two public members and two professional members.

The lieutenant governor appoints two public members and two professional members.

The speaker of the house appoints one public member and three professional members.

Appointments shall be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee.

Appointed members serve staggered six-year terms, with the terms of four members expiring August 31 of each odd-numbered year.

The governor designates an appointed member as chair to serve at the will of the governor.

A person who has served one full term is not eligible for reappointment.

(Note: Members representing the state’s health and human services agencies subsequent to the agencies’ reorganization continue to serve on the council pending resolution of redistributed agency responsibilities with respect to council activities.)

Citation: Chapter 101, Health and Safety Code

Texas Emerging Technology Advisory Committee

Function:

- Makes recommendations to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house for awarding money from the Texas emerging technology fund

Composition (17 members total):

- 13 members appointed by the governor who are industry leaders in Texas or nationally recognized leaders from public or private institutions of higher education in Texas
- 2 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 2 members appointed by the speaker of the house

Members appointed by the governor are from nominations that may be submitted by a president of a public or private institution of higher education in Texas, a representative of the governor’s office involved in economic development activities, a representative of the lieutenant governor’s office involved in economic development activities, a representative of the office of the speaker of the house involved in economic development activities, and other persons considered appropriate by the governor.

Members of the committee appointed by the governor serve staggered two-year terms, subject to the pleasure of the governor. Members appointed by the lieutenant governor or the speaker of the house serve two-year terms.

The governor appoints the presiding member of the committee.

Citation: Subchapter B, Chapter 490, Government Code (Section 490.051 et seq.), as amended by Sections 4–9, Chapter 1297 (H.B. 2457), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011

Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Advisory Board

Function:

- Reviews the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan and makes recommendations to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regarding changes to revenue sources, financial incentives, or any legislative, regulatory, or budgetary changes needed

Composition (22 members total):

- 5 members appointed by the governor, including 1 representative of each of the following groups or industries: the trucking industry; the air conditioning manufacturing industry; the electric utility industry; regional transportation; and the Houston-based nonprofit organization conducting air quality research for the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria and Dallas-Fort Worth nonattainment areas
- 5 members appointed by the lieutenant governor, including 1 representative of each of the following groups or industries: the engine manufacturing industry; the air transportation industry; the environmental community; the fuel cell industry; and the energy-efficient construction industry
- 5 members appointed by the speaker of the house, including 1 representative of each of the following groups or industries: consumer groups; the construction industry; the automobile industry; the agriculture industry; and the fuel industry
- 1 state senator appointed by the lieutenant governor
- The chair of the house standing committee having primary jurisdiction over matters related to environmental regulation
- 1 representative of TCEQ, designated by the executive director
- 1 representative of the General Land Office, designated by the commissioner
- 1 representative of the office of the comptroller of public accounts, designated by the comptroller
- 1 representative of the Railroad Commission of Texas, designated by the commission's presiding officer
- 1 representative of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 6 office, designated by the Region 6 administrator

Appointed members serve staggered four-year terms, with seven or eight members' terms expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

Appointed members may be reappointed to additional terms.

The advisory board annually elects a presiding officer.

Expiration date: None, but Chapter 386, Health and Safety Code, expires August 31, 2019.

Citation: Chapter 386, Health and Safety Code

Texas Ethics Commission

Function:

- Administers and enforces state ethics laws
- Prescribes and distributes forms for required statements and reports, performs other functions related to their filing, and publishes a manual
- Provides ethics training for legislators and state employees, issues ethics advisory opinions, and reports on the opinions and other commission activities to the governor and legislature
- Requires regulatory executive branch agencies to develop rules limiting the acceptance of gifts and other benefits
- Makes recommendations regarding salary and per diem levels for state legislators

Composition (8 members total):

- 2 members of different political parties, appointed by the lieutenant governor from a list of at least 10 names submitted by the members of the senate from each political party required by law to hold a primary
- 2 members of different political parties, appointed by the speaker of the house from a list of at least 10 names submitted by the members of the house of representatives from each political party required by law to hold a primary
- 2 members of different political parties, appointed by the governor from a list of at least 10 names submitted by the members of the senate from each political party required by law to hold a primary
- 2 members of different political parties, appointed by the governor from a list of at least 10 names submitted by the members of the house of representatives from each political party required by law to hold a primary

The governor may reject all names on any list submitted for potential gubernatorial appointment and require a new list to be submitted.

Appointments shall be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee.

Members serve four-year terms, and a member who has served for one term and any part of a second term is not eligible for reappointment.

Members annually elect a presiding officer.

Expiration date: None. The commission is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act), but is not abolished under that chapter. It is reviewed during the periods in which state agencies abolished September 1, 2013, and every 12th year thereafter, are reviewed.

Citation: Section 24a, Article III, Texas Constitution; Chapter 571, Government Code, as amended by Chapter 1232 (S.B. 652), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011

Texas Facilities Commission

Function:

- Constructs state buildings and performs maintenance, repair, lease, purchase, and supervision functions with respect to state buildings, grounds, and property, including surplus and salvage property
- Provides child-care services to state employees

Composition (7 members total):

- 3 members appointed by the governor
- 2 additional members appointed by the governor from a list of nominees submitted by the speaker of the house
- 2 members appointed by the lieutenant governor

The governor may reject one or more of the nominees on the speaker's list and request a new list of different nominees.

Appointments shall be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee.

In making appointments, the governor and lieutenant governor shall attempt to appoint women and members of different minority groups, including African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, and Asian Americans.

Members serve staggered six-year terms, with two or three members' terms expiring January 31 of each odd-numbered year.

Expiration date: September 1, 2013, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

Citation: Sections 2151.003, 2151.004, and 2151.0041 and Chapter 2152, Government Code

Texas Forensic Science Commission

Function:

- Develops and implements a reporting system through which accredited laboratories, facilities, or entities report professional negligence or misconduct
- Requires all laboratories, facilities, or entities that conduct forensic analyses to report professional negligence or misconduct to the commission
- Investigates any allegation of professional negligence or misconduct that would substantially affect the integrity of the results of a forensic analysis conducted by an accredited laboratory, facility, or entity

Composition (9 members total):

- 4 members appointed by the governor
- 3 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 2 members appointed by the attorney general

Of the four members appointed by the governor, two must have expertise in the field of forensic science, one must be a prosecuting attorney selected from a list of 10 names submitted by the Texas District and County Attorneys Association, and one must be a

defense attorney selected from a list of 10 names submitted by the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. Of the three members appointed by the lieutenant governor, one must be a faculty or staff member of The University of Texas who specializes in clinical laboratory medicine selected from a list of 10 names submitted by the chancellor of The University of Texas System, one must be a faculty or staff member of Texas A&M University who specializes in clinical laboratory medicine selected from a list of 10 names submitted by the chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, and one must be a faculty or staff member of Texas Southern University who has expertise in pharmaceutical laboratory research selected from a list of 10 names submitted by the chancellor of Texas Southern University. Of the two members appointed by the attorney general, one must be a director or division head of the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth Missing Persons DNA Database and one must be a faculty or staff member of the Sam Houston State University College of Criminal Justice and have expertise in the field of forensic science or statistical analysis selected from a list of 10 names submitted by the chancellor of the Texas State University System. Members serve staggered two-year terms, with the terms of the members appointed by the governor and lieutenant governor expiring September 1 of each odd-numbered year and the remaining members' terms expiring September 1 of each even-numbered year.

Citation: Article 38.01, Code of Criminal Procedure

Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission

Function:

- Advises and assists public and private primary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education regarding the implementation of Holocaust and genocide courses of study and awareness programs
- Cultivates resources and volunteers and coordinates events in Texas memorializing the Holocaust and other genocides

Composition (18 members total):

- 5 public members appointed by the governor
- 5 public members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 5 public members appointed by the speaker of the house
- 3 ex officio members, or their designees, as follows:
 - The commissioner of education
 - The commissioner of higher education
 - The executive director of the Texas Veterans Commission

The speaker of the house designates a state representative and the lieutenant governor designates a state senator to advise the commission.

Public members must include persons who have served prominently as leaders of or spokespersons for organizations that serve members of religious, ethnic, national heritage, or social groups that were subjected to the Holocaust or other genocides, who have significant professional experience in the field of Holocaust or genocide education, who represent liberators of Holocaust or other genocide victims, or who have demonstrated a significant, particular interest in Holocaust or genocide education. Appointment of public members must be made without regard to the race, color,

disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee and must represent each geographic area of the state.

Public members serve four-year terms, with the terms of the initial members expiring February 1, 2015.

Public members may not serve more than two consecutive terms. A member is considered to have served a term if the member has served more than half of the term.

The governor designates a public member to serve as presiding officer at the pleasure of the governor.

Expiration date: September 1, 2021, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

Citation: Chapter 449, Government Code; Section 2, Chapter 1352 (S.B. 482), Acts of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009

Texas Indigent Defense Commission Governing Board

Function:

- Exercises the powers and performs the duties of the commission independently of the Texas Judicial Council
- Adopts rules as necessary regarding the commission
- Adopts as appropriate proposed commission policies and standards for providing legal representation and other defense services to indigent defendants at trial, on appeal, and in postconviction proceedings
- Adopts policies to ensure that funds to assist counties in providing indigent defense services are allocated and distributed in a fair manner

Composition (13 members total):

- 8 ex officio members as follows:
 - The chief justice of the supreme court
 - The presiding judge of the court of criminal appeals
 - 1 state senator serving on the council designated by the lieutenant governor
 - The state representative appointed to the council by the speaker of the house
 - 1 court of appeals justice serving on the council designated by the governor
 - 1 county court or statutory county court judge serving on the council designated by the governor or, if such a judge is not serving on the council, 1 statutory probate court judge serving on the council designated by the governor
 - 1 other state senator appointed by the lieutenant governor
 - The chair of the House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence
- 5 members appointed by the governor, including:
 - 1 district judge serving as a presiding judge of an administrative judicial region
 - 1 judge of a constitutional county court or a county commissioner
 - 1 practicing criminal defense attorney
 - 1 chief public defender in Texas or the chief public defender's designee, who must be an attorney employed by the public defender's office
 - 1 judge of a constitutional county court or a county commissioner of a county with a population of 250,000 or more

Members appointed by the governor are appointed with the advice and consent of the senate and serve staggered two-year terms, with two members' terms expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year and three members' terms expiring February 1 of each even-numbered year.

In making the appointments the governor is required to attempt to reflect the geographic and demographic diversity of the state.

A person is prohibited from being appointed to the board if the person is required to register as a lobbyist because of the person's activities for compensation on behalf of a profession related to the operation of the commission or the council.

The board selects a chair from among its members.

Citation: Chapter 79, Government Code, as added by Chapter 984 (H.B. 1754), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011

Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless

Function:

- Surveys current resources for services to the homeless
- Evaluates current and future needs for the services
- Assists in coordinating and providing statewide services for the homeless
- Increases the flow of information among service providers and authorities
- Develops guidelines to monitor the provision of services and methods of service delivery
- Provides technical assistance in assessing the need for housing for persons with special needs in different localities
- Establishes a central resource and information center for the homeless in the state
- Coordinates with the Texas Workforce Commission, local workforce development boards, shelters, and other entities to provide to the homeless information on available services
- Ensures that local or statewide nonprofit organizations perform other related duties that the council cannot

Composition (18 members total):

- 3 members representing service providers to the homeless, 1 each appointed by the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house
- 2 representatives from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, 1 each from the department's community affairs division and housing finance division, appointed by the director
- 1 representative from each of the following 13 agencies, appointed by the agency's administrative head: the Texas Department of Health; the Texas Department of Human Services; the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation; the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; the Texas Department on Aging; the Texas Rehabilitation Commission; the Texas Education Agency; the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse; the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services; the Health and Human Services Commission; the Texas Workforce Commission; the Texas Youth Commission; and the Texas Veterans Commission

Council members annually elect a presiding officer.

Members serve at the pleasure of the appointing official or until termination of employment with the entity they represent.

(Note: Members representing the state's health and human services agencies subsequent to those agencies' reorganization continue to serve on the council pending resolution of redistributed agency responsibilities with respect to council activities.)

Citation: Subchapter KK, Chapter 2306, Government Code (Section 2306.901 et seq.)

Texas Judicial Council

Function:

- Studies and reports on the organization, rules, procedures, and practice of the state's judicial system, the work accomplished and the results produced by the system and its various components, and methods for improvement

Composition (22 members total):

- The chief justice of the supreme court or a designee
- The presiding judge of the court of criminal appeals or a designee
- 2 justices of the courts of appeals designated by the chief justice of the supreme court
- 2 district judges designated by the chief justice of the supreme court
- 2 judges of county courts, statutory county courts, or statutory probate courts designated by the chief justice of the supreme court
- 2 justices of the peace designated by the chief justice of the supreme court
- 2 municipal court judges designated by the chief justice of the supreme court
- 2 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- The chair of the House Committee on Judicial Affairs
- 1 state representative appointed by the speaker of the house
- 6 resident citizen members appointed by the governor, including 3 who are members of the State Bar of Texas and 2 who are not licensed to practice law

The chief justice of the supreme court serves as chair, and the presiding judge of the court of criminal appeals serves as vice chair.

Appointed members of the judiciary serve staggered four-year terms, with the term of one member of each judicial group expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

Citizen members serve staggered six-year terms, with two members' terms expiring June 30 of each odd-numbered year.

A legislator whose membership in the legislature ceases continues on the council at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

Citation: Chapter 71, Government Code, as amended by Chapter 984 (H.B. 1754), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011

Texas Legislative Council

Function:

- Studies and investigates the functions and problems of state departments, agencies, and officers
- Conducts studies and makes reports useful to the legislative branch of state government
- Gathers and disseminates information for the legislature's use
- Assists the legislature in drafting proposed legislation
- Provides legislative data processing services
- Contracts or arranges with state agencies for statistical or demographic analysis

Composition (14 members total):

- The lieutenant governor
- The speaker of the house
- 6 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- The chair of the House Committee on House Administration
- 5 other state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house

The lieutenant governor and speaker of the house serve as joint chairs.

Members other than the lieutenant governor and speaker of the house serve terms beginning with their appointment to the council and ending with the convening of the next regular session.

Members appointed to the council are to be from various areas of the state.

The lieutenant governor and speaker of the house act in place of the full council during regular sessions of the legislature.

Citation: Chapter 323, Government Code

Texas Legislative Medal of Honor Nominating Committee

Function:

- Nominates candidates for the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor during a regular session of the legislature
- The legislative standing committee chairs serving on the nominating committee jointly prepare a concurrent resolution directing the governor to award the medal to a person nominated

Composition (5 members total):

- The adjutant general or the adjutant general's designee
- The lieutenant governor or the lieutenant governor's designee
- The speaker of the house or the speaker's designee
- The chair of the standing committee of each chamber with primary jurisdiction over military and veterans affairs

Citation: Section 431.131, Government Code

Texas Military Preparedness Commission

Function:

- Advises the governor and the legislature on military issues and economic and industrial development related to military issues and makes related recommendations
- Provides information to communities, the legislature, the state's congressional delegation, and state agencies regarding federal actions affecting military installations and missions
- Serves as an information clearinghouse
- Assists communities affected by the existence and closure of a local military installation and by related business activity
- Encourages economic development in the state by fostering the development of industries related to defense affairs
- Advocates for the preservation and expansion of missions of reservists at military installations in the state
- Submits a report to the governor and the legislature not later than July 1 of each even-numbered year about the active military installations, communities that depend on military installations, and defense-related business in the state

Composition (15 members total):

- 13 public members appointed by the governor
- The chair of the house committee that has primary jurisdiction over matters concerning defense affairs and state/federal relations
- 1 state senator appointed by the lieutenant governor

Appointments shall be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee.

Public members serve staggered six-year terms, with four or five members' terms expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year. The house member vacates the person's position on the commission if the person ceases to be the chair of the applicable committee.

To be eligible for appointment as a public member, a person must have demonstrated experience in economic development, the defense industry, military installation operation, environmental issues, finance, local government, or the use of airspace or outer space for future military missions.

Citation: Chapter 436, Government Code

Texas Oyster Council

Function:

- Reviews information on molluscan shellfish
- Advises the Texas Board of Health on rules relating to molluscan shellfish, the development of standards and procedures relating to the licensing of molluscan shellfish processors, and criteria used to designate molluscan shellfish growing areas as open or closed
- Performs any other functions requested by the board relating to molluscan shellfish

Composition (9 members total):

- 2 members appointed by the Texas Board of Health as nominated by the Texas Oyster Growers and Dealers Association
- 1 member appointed by the Texas Board of Health as nominated by the Coastal Oyster Leaseholder’s Association
- 2 members appointed by the Texas Board of Health from a list of oyster dealers who hold a shellfish certificate and have held such a certificate not less than six months of each of the three preceding years
- 1 member appointed by the chair of the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference
- 3 consumer members appointed by the speaker of the house, including a person who is professionally licensed or has work experience in environmental survey, environmental sanitation, environmental engineering, or a similar field related to environmental or pollution conditions and their effect on molluscan shellfish

Members serve one-year terms expiring August 31 and may be reappointed.

The council elects a presiding officer from among its membership.

(Note: Members appointed by the state’s health and human services agencies subsequent to the agencies’ reorganization continue to serve on the council pending resolution of redistributed agency responsibilities with respect to council activities.)

Citation: Sections 436.107 and 436.108, Health and Safety Code

Texas Poet Laureate, State Musician, and State Artist Committee

Function:

- Annually designates a Texas poet laureate, a Texas state musician, a Texas state artist for two-dimensional media, and a Texas state artist for three-dimensional media from a list of individuals submitted by the Texas Commission on the Arts

Composition (7 members total):

- 1 member appointed by the governor
- 3 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 members appointed by the speaker of the house

Nonlegislative members serve two-year terms expiring October 1 of each odd-numbered year.

Committee members select a presiding officer from the committee’s membership.

Citation: Subchapter A, Chapter 3104, Government Code (Section 3104.001 et seq.)

Texas Rural Health and Economic Development Advisory Council

Function:

- Advises the commissioner of agriculture, the director of the Office of Rural Affairs, and the office on rural policy priorities
- Reviews the state’s existing rural policies and programs
- Meets with the representatives of state agencies that administer rural programs as necessary to conduct such review

- Makes recommendations to the office regarding the allocation in the state of federal block grant money
- Establishes a rural health task force composed of all or a portion of the members of the advisory council
- Develops a rural policy plan not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year

Composition (10 members total):

- 1 local official in Texas with health care expertise appointed by the commissioner
- 1 county official in Texas with health care expertise appointed by the commissioner
- 1 state senator serving a predominantly rural area appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 1 state representative serving a predominantly rural area appointed by the speaker of the house
- 1 representative of an institution of higher education in Texas that specializes in public health and community and economic development appointed by the commissioner
- 4 public members with health care or economic development expertise appointed by the commissioner
- The commissioner as a nonvoting member

Advisory council members serve staggered three-year terms.

A member appointed by the commissioner serves at the pleasure of the commissioner.

The commissioner serves as the presiding officer.

Citation: Subchapter R, Chapter 487, Government Code (Section 487.801 et seq.), as added by Section 62.09, Chapter 4 (S.B. 1), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2011

Texas State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision

Function:

- Advises the state’s administrator of the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision and the state’s commissioner to the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision on the compact’s administration and the state’s participation in commission activities

Composition (7 members total):

- The executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice or the executive director’s designee
- 3 members appointed by the governor, 1 of whom must represent an organization for crime victims’ rights
- 1 member appointed by the presiding judge of the court of criminal appeals
- 1 member appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 1 member appointed by the speaker of the house

Appointed members serve staggered six-year terms, with two members’ terms expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

The governor designates a council member to serve as presiding officer.

Expiration date: None, but Article XI of the compact provides for a state’s withdrawal from the compact effective on the repeal of the statute that enacted the compact.

Citation: Subchapter B, Chapter 510, Government Code (Section 510.011 et seq.)

Windstorm Insurance Legislative Oversight Board

Function:

- Monitors windstorm insurance in the state, including the adequacy of rates, the operation of the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association, and the availability of coverage
- Submits comments on proposed rules to the commissioner of insurance and reviews recommendations for legislation proposed by the Texas Department of Insurance or the association
- Files a report with the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house analyzing any identified problems and including recommendations for legislative action to address those problems and foster stability, availability, and competition within the windstorm insurance industry

Composition (8 members total):

- 4 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 4 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house

Of the members appointed by the lieutenant governor, one must be the chair of the Senate Committee on Business and Commerce, who shall serve as co-chair of the board.

Citation: Subchapter N, Chapter 2210, Insurance Code (Section 2210.651 et seq.)

Appendix A

Other Entities Involving Presiding Officer Input

In addition to serving as ex officio members or appointing members to the entities listed in this document, the legislature's presiding officers also provide input on the appointment of members to the entities listed in the following table.

Entity	Composition	Appointing Authority	Statutory Authority	Presiding Officer Role
State Demographer	individual	governor	Chapter 468, Government Code	Submission of list ¹
High School Completion and Success Initiative Council	9 members	commissioner of education	Subchapter M, Chapter 39, Education Code (Section 39.401 et seq.)	Submission of list ²
Juvenile Justice Services and Facilities Transition Team	7 members	board of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, board of the Texas Youth Commission, and governor	Chapter 85 (<u>S.B. 653</u>), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011	Submission of list ³
Texas Preservation Trust Fund Account Advisory Board	11 members	Texas Historical Commission	Section 442.015(d), Government Code	Recommendations ⁴
Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company Investment Advisory Board	7 members	comptroller	Sections 404.108–404.116, Government Code	Advice ⁵

¹Eligibility requirements include a graduate degree with specialization in demography or a closely related field of study and extensive experience in employing demographic and related socioeconomic data for use by legislative, public, and private entities.

²Nominees must have distinguished experience in developing and implementing high school reform strategies and promoting college and workforce readiness.

³1 member must be a representative of the lieutenant governor, chosen from a list submitted to the governor by the lieutenant governor, and 1 member must be a representative of the speaker of the house, chosen from a list submitted to the governor by the speaker.

⁴Board composition includes 1 representative of a bank or savings and loan association; 2 directors of nonprofit historic preservation organizations; 2 archeologists with substantial experience in Texas archeology; 1 attorney, 2 architects, and 1 real estate professional, each with a background or experience in historic preservation; and 2 other individuals with a demonstrated commitment to historic preservation.

⁵Members must be Texas residents and have knowledge of or experience in finance, including the management of funds or business operations.

Appendix B

Entities Created by the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session and 1st Called Session

The following entities were created by the 82nd Legislature and are new in the 2011 edition:

- Joint Interim Committee to Study Seacoast Territory Insurance
- Juvenile Justice Services and Facilities Transition Team
- Medicaid Reform Waiver Legislative Oversight Committee
- Partnership Advisory Commission (for facility and infrastructure projects)
- Select Committee on Economic Development
- Task Force to Reduce Child Abuse and Neglect and Improve Child Welfare
- Texas Indigent Defense Commission Governing Board
- Texas Rural Health and Economic Development Advisory Council

