CHAPTER 26
S.B. No. 500
AN ACT
relating to the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 552.001, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The Texas State Board of Pharmacy consists of 11 [nine] members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate as follows:

(1) seven [six] members who are pharmacists; [and]
(2) one member who is a pharmacy technician; and
(3) three members who represent the public.

SECTION 2. Section 552.002, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-I) to read as follows:

(b-I) A pharmacy technician board member must, at the time of appointment:

(1) be a resident of this state;
(2) have been registered as a pharmacy technician for the five years preceding appointment;
(3) be in good standing to act as a pharmacy technician in this state; and
(4) be acting as a pharmacy technician in this state.

SECTION 3. Subsection (a), Section 552.005, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Members of the board are appointed for staggered six-year terms, with either[-The terms of] three or four members' terms, as applicable, expiring [members expire] every other year at midnight on the last day of the state fiscal year in the last year of the member's term.

SECTION 4. Subsection (a), Section 552.010, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The board shall meet at least;

[4] once every four months to transact board business;[and]
[2] twice each year for the examination of applicants.

SECTION 5. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the governor shall appoint a pharmacy technician and a pharmacist to the Texas State Board of Pharmacy as required by this Act. In appointing the members, the governor shall appoint:

(1) a pharmacy technician to a term expiring August 31, 2019; and
(2) a pharmacist to a term expiring August 31, 2017.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate on March 21, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on April 25, 2013: Yeas 135, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved May 10, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.