

S.B. 93-115 Commissions on judicial performance - appointment and removal of members - powers and duties - deadlines for reports on retention - extension of repeal date and reporting requirements. Requires the state and district commissions on judicial performance to notify the appointing authority of any vacancies on such commissions which have not been filled by the appointing authority within 45 days of the vacancies. Requires the appointing authority to fill such vacancies from a list or pool of qualified, interested citizens within 30 days from such notice. Changes the number of attorneys or nonattorneys which the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate or the governor and the chief justice may appoint to the state and district commissions.

Grants the state commission the power to promulgate rules to be followed by the district commissions. Authorizes the state commission to develop procedures for the review of the deliberation procedures established by the district commissions. Authorizes the appointing authority to remove members of the district commissions for cause. Limits the district commissions' powers and duties to those in conformity with rules promulgated by the state commission.

Changes the deadline by which the state and district commissions must communicate to justices and judges and release to the public the results of retention evaluations by requiring the commissions to release the evaluations earlier.

Extends the automatic termination date of the article creating judicial performance commissions to June 30, 1999, and continues the reporting requirements.

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