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Overview

Requires membership of boards and agencies with statewide jurisdiction to represent as nearly as possible the population balance between the metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas. The requirement does not apply if the appointing authority certifies that the limited number of applicants from the required geographic area unreasonably limits the appointing authority's discretion.

Section

- 1 **Geographic balance.** Provides a geographic balance requirement for boards and agencies with statewide jurisdiction that are subject to section 15.0575. The membership of these groups must represent as nearly as possible the population balance between the metropolitan area and nonmetropolitan areas.
The bill applies to all appointments made after the effective date of this section. The requirement does not apply if: (1) a law authorizing the board or agency specifies metropolitan or nonmetropolitan residence for some or all of its membership; or (2) the appointing authority certifies to the secretary of state that for a particular vacancy the limited number of applicants from the required geographic area unreasonably limits the appointing authority's discretion.
- 2 **Geographic balance; occupational licensing.** Provides the same requirement as section 1, but applied to occupational licensing boards.
- 3 **Effective date.** Sections 1 and 2 are effective June 30, 2001