

Zhuang BILL NO. 133

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(2) Upon the establishment of the mental health regions, the county commissioners in each of the various counties in a region shall designate a person from their respective county to serve as a representative of the county on a regional mental health board. The board shall be established under guidelines adopted by the department. All appointments to the board shall be for terms of two (2)

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5 and services within the region;

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8 proposals to provide and support mental health services
9 within the region;

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12 in the provision of mental health service within the limits
13 of this section;

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15 support as are made available for the purpose of providing
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