

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of a person employed by a school district as a teacher to serve on the appraisal review board of an appraisal district; creating a criminal offense.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 6.411, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) A member of the board of trustees of an independent school district or an employee of the district commits an offense if the member or employee communicates with a member of the appraisal review board who is employed by the school district as a teacher with the intent to influence a decision by the member in the member's capacity as a member of the appraisal review board.

SECTION 2. Section 6.412(c), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, a [A] person is ineligible to serve on the appraisal review board if the person is a member of the board of directors, [an] officer, or employee of the appraisal district, an employee of the comptroller, or a member of the governing body, officer, or employee of a taxing unit. A person employed by a school district as a teacher may serve on the appraisal review board.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 974 passed the Senate on March 20, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 21, Nays 8; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 30, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 23, Nays 8.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 974 passed the House, with amendment, on May 28, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 80, Nays 56, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor