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H.B. No. 597

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the ineligibility of an individual who serves on the
3 board of trustees of a school district to serve on the board of
4 directors of the district.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 6.03(a), Tax Code, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 (a) The appraisal district is governed by a board of
9 directors. Five directors are appointed by the taxing units that
10 participate in the district as provided by this section. If the
11 county assessor-collector is not appointed to the board, the county
12 assessor-collector serves as a nonvoting director. The county
13 assessor-collector is ineligible to serve if the board enters into
14 a contract under Section 6.05(b) or if the commissioners court of
15 the county enters into a contract under Section 6.24(b). To be
16 eligible to serve on the board of directors, an individual other
17 than a county assessor-collector serving as a nonvoting director
18 must be a resident of the district and must have resided in the
19 district for at least two years immediately preceding the date the
20 individual takes office. An individual who is otherwise eligible
21 to serve on the board is not ineligible because of membership on the
22 governing body of a taxing unit except that an individual who serves
23 on the governing body of a school district that participates in the
24 district is not eligible to serve on the board. An employee of a

1 taxing unit that participates in the district is not eligible to
2 serve on the board unless the individual is also a member of the
3 governing body or an elected official of a taxing unit that
4 participates in the district.

5 SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

6 (b) The change in law made by this Act applies only to the
7 eligibility of a person to serve as an appraisal district director
8 for a term that begins on or after January 1, 2004. The change in
9 law made by this Act does not affect the eligibility of a person to
10 serve as an appraisal district director for a term that begins
11 before January 1, 2004.