

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of certain appellate judges to retire with full benefits.

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

SECTION 1. Section 839.101, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) to read as follows:

(a) A member is eligible to retire and receive a service retirement annuity if the member:

(1) is at least 65 years old, currently holds a judicial office, and has at least 10 years of service credited in the retirement system;

(2) is at least 65 years old and has at least 12 years of service credited in the retirement system, regardless of whether the member currently holds a judicial office; ~~or~~

(3) is at least 55 years old and has at least 20 years of service credited in the retirement system, regardless of whether the member currently holds a judicial office; or

(4) has served at least two full terms on an appellate court and the sum of the member's age and amount of service credited in the retirement system equals or exceeds the number 70, regardless of whether the member currently holds a judicial office.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 820 was passed by the House on May 6, 2003, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 820 on May 30, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 820 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 28, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor