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H.B. No. 173

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to social security coverage for employees of public school
3 districts.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) Not later than December 31, 2006, each
6 public school district in this state not currently participating in
7 an agreement under Subchapter B, Chapter 606, Government Code, to
8 provide social security coverage to the employees of the district,
9 shall conduct a referendum by secret ballot of the employees of the
10 district, as required by Section 218 of the Social Security Act, to
11 determine whether a majority of the employees are in favor of being
12 included in the agreement of this state with the commissioner of the
13 Social Security Administration or the individual designated by the
14 commissioner to administer coverage of the Social Security Act to
15 employees of a state and its political subdivisions.

16 (b) If a majority of the employees of a school district vote
17 in favor of entering into the agreement to provide social security
18 coverage, the board of trustees of the school district shall as soon
19 as practicable submit the necessary plan to the state social
20 security administrator to effect the participation of the school
21 district under Subchapter B, Chapter 606, Government Code.

22 SECTION 2. This Act expires January 1, 2009.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2006.