

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Under current law, the retirement benefits extend to most judges, but exclude many elder judges with a smaller amount of service. These judges should be eligible to receive full retirement benefits.

H.B. 1079 changes the language of the current law in order to enable a judge who has served at least two terms and whose age and years of service meet or exceed 70 to receive a base service retirement annuity. This bill also restricts the ability to receive service retirement from two full terms to all or part of three terms being required for qualification.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 839.101(a), Government Code, to delete existing text providing that a member is eligible to retire and receive a service retirement annuity if the member is at least 55 years old.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2005.