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H.B. No. 1079

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the eligibility of certain judges to retire with full
3 benefits.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 839.101(a), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

18 (4) has at least 20 years of service credited in the
19 retirement system and held a judicial office before January 1,
20 2000, regardless of the member's age and regardless of whether the
21 member currently holds a judicial office; or

22 (5) has served at least two full terms on an appellate
23 court and the sum of the member's age and amount of service credited
24 in the retirement system equals or exceeds the number 70,

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1 regardless of whether the member currently holds a judicial office.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.