

1-1 By: West (Senate Sponsor - Seliger) H.B. No. 1079  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2005;  
1-3 May 12, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
1-4 Affairs; May 21, 2005, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0;  
1-6 May 21, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1079 By: Armbrister

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the eligibility of certain judges to retire with full  
1-11 benefits.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 839.101(a), Government Code, is amended  
1-14 to read as follows:

1-15 (a) A member is eligible to retire and receive a service  
1-16 retirement annuity if the member:

1-17 (1) is at least 65 years old, currently holds a  
1-18 judicial office, and has at least 10 years of service credited in  
1-19 the retirement system;

1-20 (2) is at least 65 years old and has at least 12 years  
1-21 of service credited in the retirement system, regardless of whether  
1-22 the member currently holds a judicial office;

1-23 (3) ~~[is at least 55 years old and]~~ has at least 20  
1-24 years of service credited in the retirement system, regardless of  
1-25 whether the member currently holds a judicial office; or

1-26 (4) has served at least two full terms on an appellate  
1-27 court and the sum of the member's age and amount of service credited  
1-28 in the retirement system equals or exceeds the number 70,  
1-29 regardless of whether the member currently holds a judicial office.

1-30 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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