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S.B. No. 115

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the removal of a member of a school district board of trustees for failure to attend board meetings.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 11, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 11.066 to read as follows:

Sec. 11.066. REMOVAL FOR FAILURE TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS.

(a) It is a ground for removal of a trustee of an independent school district that the trustee is absent from more than half of the regularly scheduled board of trustees meetings during a calendar year that the member is eligible to attend, unless the absence is excused by a majority vote of the board of trustees.

(b) If the superintendent of the school district has knowledge that a ground for removal under this section exists, the superintendent shall notify the board of trustees. On a determination that a potential ground for removal exists, the board shall notify the appropriate county or district attorney or the attorney general.

SECTION 2. Section 11.066, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies only to trustee attendance at a board of trustees meeting held on or after the effective date of this Act. Trustee attendance at a board of trustees meeting held before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the meeting was held, and the former law is continued in effect for that

1 purpose.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.