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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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- 2 relating to the composition of the board of trustees of the
- 3 Employees Retirement System of Texas.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 815.003, Government Code, is amended by
- 6 amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to
- 7 read as follows:
- 8 (a) Three members of the board of trustees are nominated and
- 9 elected by members of the retirement system and retirees under
- 10 rules adopted by the board. Two of the trustees must meet the
- 11 <u>eligibility requirements specified in Subsection (b) and one</u>
- 12 trustee must meet the eligibility requirements specified in
- 13 Subsection (b-1).
- 14 (b) To be eligible to serve as an elected member of the
- 15 board, two of the elected trustees [a person] must be members [a
- 16 member] of the retirement system and must hold a position that:
- 17 (1) is included in the employee class of membership;
- 18 and
- 19 (2) is not with an agency or department with which
- 20 another trustee holds a position.
- 21 (b-1) To be eligible to serve as an elected member of the
- 22 board, one of the trustees must be a retiree.
- 23 SECTION 2. At the trustee election held by the Employees
- 24 Retirement System of Texas to fill a position on the board of

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- 1 trustees that expires August 31, 2005, the members and retirees of
- 2 the retirement system shall elect a trustee who meets the
- 3 eligibility requirements of Section 815.003(b-1), Government Code,
- 4 as added by this Act.
- 5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 9 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.