

Amend CSSB 1016 (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to Article 9 of the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of that article accordingly:

SECTION 9.____. Subsection (a), Section 11.005, Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) To be eligible for election as commissioner or appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of commissioner, a person must:

(1) have worked, for at least five years preceding the calendar year in which the person is elected or appointed to the person's initial term, in the livestock industry, in the grain industry, or for the Texas Agricultural Council or another agricultural producer association; and

(2) meet at least one of the following qualifications:

(A) have been engaged, for at least five of the 10 years preceding the year in which the person is elected or appointed to the person's initial term, in the business of agriculture;

(B) [~~(2)~~] have worked, for the five-year period preceding the calendar year in which the person is elected or appointed to the person's initial term, for a state or federal agency in a position directly related to agriculture; or

(C) [~~(3)~~] have owned or operated, for at least five of the 10 years preceding the year in which the person is elected or appointed to the person's initial term, farm, ranch, or timber land that qualifies for agricultural use appraisal under Subchapter C, Chapter 23, Tax Code, and be participating, in the calendar year in which the person is elected or appointed to the person's initial term, in a farm program administered by the federal Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.