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H.B. No. 436

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the date on which eligibility for benefits begins under
3 certain programs for governmental employees and retirees.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 1551.1055(a) and (b), Insurance Code,
6 are amended to read as follows:

7 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (c) or (d), eligibility
8 under Section 1551.101 begins on the first day of the calendar month
9 that begins after the 45th [~~90th~~] day after the date the employee
10 performs services for a state agency or is qualified for and begins
11 to hold elected or appointed office.

12 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), eligibility under
13 Section 1551.102, for an individual who does not retire at the end
14 of the last month for which the individual is on the payroll of a
15 state agency before retirement, begins on the first day of the
16 calendar month that begins after the 45th [~~90th~~] day after the date
17 the individual retires.

18 SECTION 2. Sections 1601.1045(a) and (b), Insurance Code,
19 are amended to read as follows:

20 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (c) or (d), eligibility
21 under Section 1601.101 begins on the first day of the calendar month
22 that begins after the 45th [~~90th~~] day after the date the employee
23 performs services for a system.

24 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), eligibility under

1 Section 1601.102, for an individual who does not retire at the end
2 of the last month for which the individual is on the payroll of a
3 system before retirement, begins on the first day of the calendar
4 month that begins after the 45th [~~90th~~] day after the date the
5 individual retires.

6 SECTION 3. A waiting period that, immediately before the
7 effective date of this Act, is applicable to an individual under
8 Section 1551.1055 or 1601.1045, Insurance Code, as those sections
9 existed before amendment by this Act, terminates on the effective
10 date of this Act.

11 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.