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H.B. No. 1548

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the qualifications of members of an appraisal district
3 board of directors.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 6.03, Tax Code, is amended by amending
6 Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) to read as
7 follows:

8 (a) The appraisal district is governed by a board of
9 directors. Five directors are appointed by the taxing units that
10 participate in the district as provided by this section. If the
11 county assessor-collector is not appointed to the board, the county
12 assessor-collector serves as a nonvoting director. The county
13 assessor-collector is ineligible to serve if the board enters into
14 a contract under Section 6.05(b) or if the commissioners court of
15 the county enters into a contract under Section 6.24(b).

16 (a-1) Unless the commissioners court of the county has
17 adopted alternate eligibility requirements as provided by
18 Subsection (a-2), to [To] be eligible to serve on the board of
19 directors, an individual other than a county assessor-collector
20 serving as a nonvoting director must be a resident of the district
21 and must have resided in the district for at least two years
22 immediately preceding the date the individual takes office. An
23 individual who is otherwise eligible to serve on the board is not
24 ineligible because of membership on the governing body of a taxing

1 unit. An employee of a taxing unit that participates in the
2 district is not eligible to serve on the board unless the individual
3 is also a member of the governing body or an elected official of a
4 taxing unit that participates in the district.

5 (a-2) The commissioners court of a county by resolution or
6 order may adopt alternate eligibility requirements for the board of
7 directors that require an individual serving on the board, other
8 than the county assessor-collector serving as a nonvoting director,
9 to be a resident of the district, to be an elected official of a
10 taxing unit that participates in the district, and to have resided
11 in the district for at least two years immediately preceding the
12 date the individual takes office. A change in the eligibility
13 requirements adopted under this subsection remains in effect until
14 rescinded by resolution or order of the commissioners court.

15 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act does not
16 affect the right of a person serving on the board of directors of an
17 appraisal district on the effective date of this Act to complete the
18 person's term on the board.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.