

By: Turner of Tarrant

H.B. No. 4394

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the waiting period for eligibility for benefits under the Texas Employees Group Benefits Act.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1551.1055, Insurance Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

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

(e) An employee who, at the time the employee is employed by a state agency, has at least 90 days of state service credit is eligible under Section 1551.101 on the first day on which the employee returns to state service.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an employee who returns to state service on or after the effective date of this Act. An employee who returns to state service before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.