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H.B. No. 906

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the qualifications for appointment as a veterans county service officer.

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

SECTION 1. Section 434.033(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) To be appointed as an officer a person must:

(1) be qualified by education and training for the duties of the office;

(2) be experienced in the law, regulations, and rulings of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs controlling cases that come before the commission; and

(3) have the service experience specified by Subsection (c) or be:

(A) a widowed Gold Star Mother or unremarried widow of a serviceman or veteran whose death resulted from service; ~~or~~

(B) the spouse of a disabled veteran who has a total disability rating based either on having a service-connected disability with a disability rating of 100 percent or on individual unemployability; or

(C) the spouse of a retired veteran who served a minimum of 20 years on active duty.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.