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H.B. No. 906

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the qualifications for appointment as a veterans county
3 service officer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 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.