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H.B. No. 1397

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility to serve as a member of the board of trustees of the Texas County and District Retirement System.

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

SECTION 1. Section 845.003, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsections (a-1) and (a-2), to
[~~Te~~] be eligible to serve as a trustee a person must be:

(1) a member of the retirement system and an employee of a participating subdivision; [~~or~~] and

(2) [~~a retiree of the retirement system.~~] a member of a county commissioners court of a participating subdivision.

(a-1) The eligibility requirements under Subsection (a) apply only to six members of the board of trustees. The remaining three members must be representatives of the public.

(a-2) To be eligible as a representative of the public required under subsection (a) a person must be:

(1) a person who has not served in elected office; and

(2) a person who has not been employed by a government entity.

(b) If a person serving as a trustee ceases to meet an eligibility requirement under this section [~~Subsection (a)~~], the person shall vacate the office of trustee.

1 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section
2 845.003, Government Code, regarding the eligibility requirements
3 of members of the board of trustees of the Texas County and District
4 Retirement System, does not affect the entitlement of a member
5 serving on the board immediately before the effective date of this
6 Act to continue to serve as a member of the board for the remainder
7 of the member's term. As the terms of board members expire or as a
8 vacancy occurs on the board, the governor shall appoint a member to
9 the board as necessary to comply with Section 845.003(a-1) and
10 (a-2), Government Code, as added by this Act.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.