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H.B. No. 1725

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the composition of local boards of the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System.

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

SECTION 1. Section 865.012, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) A local board is composed of:

(1) one trustee selected by the governing body of the political subdivision of which a participating department is a part;

(2) except as provided by Subsection (a-1), three trustees who are active members representing a participating department chosen by a majority of the emergency services personnel in the department who are eligible to participate in the pension system; and

(3) two trustees who are representatives of the political subdivision who are chosen by the other members of the local board.

(a-1) If a participating department does not have a sufficient number of active members to serve on a local board under Subsection (a)(2), the other members of the local board, or if there are no other members of the local board, the governing body of the political subdivision of which the department is a part shall

1 select one or more trustees to serve under that subdivision. A  
2 person selected under this subsection to serve as a trustee must be:

3 (1) a retiree of the pension system; or

4 (2) a beneficiary of the pension system who is the  
5 surviving spouse of a former member or retiree.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.