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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of an individual to be an employee of an appraisal district or to serve on the board of directors of an appraisal district.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 6.03(a), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  The appraisal district is governed by a board of directors. Five directors are appointed by the taxing units that participate in the district as provided by this section. If the county assessor-collector is not appointed to the board, the county assessor-collector serves as a nonvoting director. The county assessor-collector is ineligible to serve if the board enters into a contract under Section 6.05(b) or if the commissioners court of the county enters into a contract under Section 6.24(b). To be eligible to serve on the board of directors, an individual other than a county assessor-collector serving as a nonvoting director must be a resident of the district and must have resided in the district for at least two years immediately preceding the date the individual takes office. Except as provided by this subsection, an [~~An~~] individual [~~who~~] is ineligible [~~otherwise eligible~~] to serve on the board if the individual is an officer or employee [~~is not ineligible because of membership on the governing body of a taxing unit. An employee~~] of a taxing unit that participates in the district [~~is not eligible to serve on the board unless the individual is also a member of the governing body or an elected official of a taxing unit that participates in the district~~].

SECTION 2.  Subchapter A, Chapter 6, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 6.054 to read as follows:

Sec. 6.054.  RESTRICTION ON EMPLOYMENT BY APPRAISAL DISTRICT. An individual may not be employed by an appraisal district if the individual is:

(1)  an officer of a taxing unit that participates in the appraisal district; or

(2)  an employee of a taxing unit that participates in the appraisal district.

SECTION 3.  Section 6.03(a), Tax Code, as amended by this Act, does not affect the right of a person serving on the board of directors of an appraisal district on the effective date of this Act to complete the person's term on the board.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect January 1, 2020.