By:  Flores S.B. No. 347

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COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Bettencourt     X

Paxton          X

Creighton       X

Hancock         X

Hinojosa        X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to eligibility for service 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:

(1)  be a resident of the district;

(2)  [~~and must~~] have resided in the district for at least two years immediately preceding the date the individual takes office; and

(3)  be an elected member of the governing body of a taxing unit entitled to vote on the appointment of the district's board members under this section. [~~An individual who is otherwise eligible to serve on the board 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.  The change in law made 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 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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