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H.B. No. 3256

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the eligibility of an individual to be an employee of an
3 appraisal district or to serve on the board of directors of an
4 appraisal district.

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

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

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

1 ~~district [is not eligible to serve on the board unless the~~
2 ~~individual is also a member of the governing body or an elected~~
3 ~~official of a taxing unit that participates in the district].~~

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

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

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

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

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

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