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H.B. No. 1725

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

8 (a) A local board is composed of:

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

20 (a-1) If a participating department does not have a
21 sufficient number of active members to serve on a local board under
22 Subsection (a)(2), the other members of the local board, or if there
23 are no other members of the local board, the governing body of the
24 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.