By: Stephenson 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:
- 9 (1) one trustee selected by the governing body of the
- 10 political subdivision of which a participating department is a
- 11 part;
- 12 (2) except as provided by Subsection (a-1), three
- 13 trustees who are active members representing a participating
- 14 department chosen by a majority of the emergency services personnel
- 15 in the department who are eligible to participate in the pension
- 16 system; and
- 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 <u>(a-1)</u> 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

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- 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 <u>surviving spouse of a former member or retiree.</u>
- 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.