

1-1 By: Paddie, Ashby (Senate Sponsor - Nichols) H.B. No. 906  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 20, 2015;  
 1-3 April 30, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Veteran Affairs and Military Installations; May 21, 2015, reported  
 1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 21, 2015,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

|      | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-8  |     |     |        |     |
| 1-9  | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-10 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-11 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-12 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-13 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-14 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-15 | X   |     |        |     |

1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the qualifications for appointment as a veterans county  
 1-19 service officer.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 434.033(b), Government Code, is amended  
 1-22 to read as follows:

1-23 (b) To be appointed as an officer a person must:

1-24 (1) be qualified by education and training for the  
 1-25 duties of the office;

1-26 (2) be experienced in the law, regulations, and  
 1-27 rulings of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs  
 1-28 controlling cases that come before the commission; and

1-29 (3) have the service experience specified by  
 1-30 Subsection (c) or be:

1-31 (A) a widowed Gold Star Mother or unremarried  
 1-32 widow of a serviceman or veteran whose death resulted from service;  
 1-33 [~~or~~]

1-34 (B) the spouse of a disabled veteran who has a  
 1-35 total disability rating based either on having a service-connected  
 1-36 disability with a disability rating of 100 percent or on individual  
 1-37 unemployability; or

1-38 (C) the spouse of a retired veteran who served a  
 1-39 minimum of 20 years on active duty.

1-40 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-41 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-42 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-43 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-44 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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