(In the Senate - Received from the House April 11, 2023; 2023, read first time and referred 1-1 Buckley, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Flores) 1-2 1-3 May 2, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Education; May 12, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 13, Nays 0; May 12, 2023, sent to printer.) 1-4

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Creighton	Х			
1-9	Campbell	Х			
1-10	Bettencourt	X			
1-11	Birdwell	X			
1-12	Flores	X			
1-13	King	Х			
1-14	LaMantia	X			
1-15	Menéndez	X			
1-16	Middleton	X			
1-17	Parker	X			
1-18	Paxton	Х			
1-19	Springer	X			
1-20	West	X			

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

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relating to the application of nepotism prohibitions to a person appointed or employed by a school district as a bus driver.

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

Section 573.061, Government Code, is amended to SECTION 1. read as follows:

Sec. 573.061. GENERAL EXCEPTIONS. Section 573.041 does not apply to:

- (1)an appointment to the office of a notary public or to the confirmation of that appointment;
- (2) an appointment of a page, secretary, attendant, or other employee by the legislature for attendance on any member of the legislature who, because of physical infirmities, is required to have a personal attendant;
- a confirmation of the appointment of an appointee (3) appointed to a first term on a date when no individual related to the appointee within a degree described by Section 573.002 was a member of or a candidate for the legislature, or confirmation on reappointment of the appointee to any subsequent consecutive term;
- (4)an appointment or employment of a bus driver by a school district if:
- the district is located wholly in a county (A) with a population of less than 35,000; [ex]
- (B) the district is located in more than one county and the county in which the largest part of the district is located has a population of less than 35,000; or (C) the board of trustees

of the <u>district</u>

approves the appointment or employment;

- (5) an appointment or employment of attendant by an officer of the state or a political subdivision of the state for attendance on the officer who, because of physical infirmities, is required to have a personal attendant;
- (6) an appointment or employment of substitute teacher by a school district;
- (7) an appointment or employment of a person by a municipality that has a population of less than 200; or
- (8) an appointment of an election clerk under Section 1-58 32.031, Election Code, who is not related in the first degree by 1-59 consanguinity or affinity to an elected official of the authority 1-60 that appoints the election judges for that election. 1-61

H.B. No. 1789 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to the appointment or employment of a person by a school district on or after the effective date of this Act. A person who is appointed or employed by a school district before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the person was appointed or employed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2-8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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