

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 3872
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law provides for the creation of a veterans county service office and sets forth the qualifications a person must possess to be appointed as a veterans county service officer. In addition to other statutory requirements, a person must either have certain military service experience, or be a widowed Gold Star Mother or un-remarried widow of a serviceman or veteran whose death resulted from service.

This legislation expands the persons who are eligible to be considered for appointment as veterans county service officers by including the spouse of a disabled veteran who has a total disability rating based either on having service-connected disability of 100 percent or on individual unemployment as an alternative requirement to the service credit requirement.

H.B. 3872 relates to the qualifications to be a veterans county service officer.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 434.033(b), Government Code, to require that to be appointed as an officer a person must have the service experience specified by Subsection (c) (relating to requiring a person, in order to meet the certain required service experience, to have served on active duty in a certain branch for at least four months or have a service-connected disability and been honorably discharged) or be the spouse of a disabled veteran who has a total disability rating based either on having a service-connected disability with a disability rating of 100 percent or on individual unemployability, among other circumstances. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.