

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility requirements for employment as an ombudsman of the Office of Injured Employee Counsel under the Texas Workers' Compensation Act.

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

SECTION 1. Section 404.152(b), Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) To be eligible for designation as an ombudsman, a person must:

(1) demonstrate satisfactory knowledge of the requirements of:

(A) this subtitle and the provisions of Subtitle C that relate to claims management;

(B) other laws relating to workers' compensation; and

(C) rules adopted under this subtitle and the laws described under Subdivision (1)(B);

(2) have demonstrated experience in handling and resolving problems for the general public; and

(3) possess strong interpersonal skills[ ~~and~~  
 ~~[(4) have at least one year of demonstrated experience in the field of workers' compensation].~~].

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2060 was passed by the House on April 13, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2060 was passed by the Senate on May 12, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor