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H.B. No. 5632

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to designation of a beneficiary by a retiree of the Employees Retirement System of Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Section 814.008, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(b) If the beneficiary designated at the time of the retiree's retirement is the current spouse [~~or former spouse~~] of the retiree, ~~[+]~~

~~[(1)]~~ the current spouse [~~or former spouse~~] must give written, notarized consent to the change ~~[+ or~~

~~[(2) a court with jurisdiction over the marriage must have ordered the change]~~.

(e) If at the time of the retiree's retirement, a beneficiary designation names a former spouse as the beneficiary for an annuity described in Subsection (a), the designation is invalid unless the designation is made by the retiree after the date of the divorce, or the divorce decree dissolving the marriage to the former spouse designates the former spouse as the beneficiary.

SECTION 2. Section 814.008, Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies to a retiree who makes a change of beneficiary on or after the effective date of this Act, regardless of the date on which the previous beneficiary designation was made.

1           SECTION 3.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.