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H.B. No. 65

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the expedited payment of the lump-sum death benefit for  
3 members of the Employees Retirement System of Texas.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 814.501(a), Government Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) A lump-sum death benefit in the amount of \$5,000 is  
8 payable if the board of trustees receives proof satisfactory to it  
9 of the death, on or after September 1, 1975, of a person retired  
10 under a retirement system administered by the board. The board by  
11 rule shall adopt procedures to provide for the payment of this  
12 benefit not later than the seventh day after the date the board  
13 receives the required proof of death.

14 SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect immediately if it  
15 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each  
16 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.  
17 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate  
18 effect, this Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of  
19 the legislative session.

20 (b) The board of trustees of the Employees Retirement System  
21 of Texas shall adopt the rules required by Section 814.501(a),  
22 Government Code, as amended by this Act, not later than November 1,  
23 2004.