BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, an employer is permitted under the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act to make a voluntary contribution to reduce the employer's unemployment tax rate. Current law requires an employer to make voluntary contributions within 30 days of the date the Texas Workforce Commission mails the annual tax rate notice to the employer. Some employers have requested more time to make such voluntary contributions. S.B. 1071 permits good cause extensions for up to 60 days for payment of voluntary contributions.

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 204.048(d), Labor Code, to authorize an employer who elects to make a voluntary contribution for the recomputation of the employer's experience rate to make the contribution as prescribed by rules adopted by the Texas Workforce Commission.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.

Makes application of this Act prospective.