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H.B. No. 1970

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a legislative leave time bank for fire fighters and
3 police officers in certain municipalities and counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 614, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 614.011 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 614.011. LEGISLATIVE LEAVE TIME BANK. (a) A peace
8 officer or fire fighter may donate up to one hour per month, in
9 increments of one-quarter hour, of accumulated vacation or
10 compensatory time to a time bank established and maintained by the
11 governmental body in the name of a peace or fire fighter employee
12 organization. The peace officer or fire fighter must authorize the
13 donation in writing on a form provided by the employee organization
14 and approved by the governmental body. The governmental body will
15 transfer the donated time to the employee organization's time bank
16 account each month until the peace officer or fire fighter revokes
17 the authorization in writing.

18 (b) Leave time donated to a time bank under this section may
19 be used to fund legislative leave used by a peace officer or fire
20 fighter who is a member of a peace officer or fire fighter employee
21 organization in lieu of the cash reimbursement required by this
22 Chapter. A request to use leave time in an organization's time bank
23 must be made in writing and submitted to the governmental body by
24 the president of the peace officer or fire fighter employee

1 organization or the president's designee. A leave time account
2 authorized by this section is perpetual. Unused leave time donated
3 to a time bank account shall carry over from year to year until used
4 by the designated employee organization.

5 (c) The governmental body may:

6 (1) determine the cash value of the donated leave time
7 and credit the amount to an account in the name of the organization
8 and then deduct the cash value of legislative leave used from this
9 account; or

10 (2) exchange hours used by a peace officer or fire
11 fighter for legislative leave on a one-for-one basis for hours
12 accumulated in the time bank account regardless of the cash value.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.