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H.B. No. 2549

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to contributions by and benefits for certain members and
3 retirees under the Judicial Retirement System of Texas Plan One and
4 the Judicial Retirement System of Texas Plan Two.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 834.102, Government Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsections (c) and (e) to read as follows:

8 (c) The service retirement annuity of a member qualifying
9 for retirement under Section 834.101(a) is the applicable state
10 salary under Subsection (a), multiplied by a percentage amount that
11 is the sum of 50 percent plus the product of two percent multiplied
12 by the number of years of subsequent service credit the member
13 accrues under Section 835.1015(a).

14 (e) After including any increase under Subsection (b), the
15 service retirement annuity under Subsection (c) may not be an
16 amount that is greater than 80 percent of the applicable salary
17 under Subsection (a).

18 SECTION 2. Section 835.101(c), Government Code, is amended
19 to read as follows:

20 (c) Except as provided by Section 835.1015, a [A] member who
21 accrues 20 years of service credit in the retirement system ceases
22 making contributions under this section.

23 SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 835, Government Code, is
24 amended by adding Section 835.1015 to read as follows:

1 Sec. 835.1015. CONTRIBUTIONS AFTER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE
2 CREDIT. (a) A member who accrues 20 years of service credit in the
3 retirement system may elect to make contributions for each
4 subsequent year of service credit that the member accrues by filing
5 an application with the retirement system.

6 (b) A member who elects to make contributions under
7 Subsection (a) shall make the contributions in the amount and
8 manner provided by Sections 835.101(a) and (b).

9 (c) A member may not make contributions under this section
10 for more than 10 years of subsequent service credit that the member
11 accrues.

12 SECTION 4. Section 839.102, Government Code, is amended by
13 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read
14 as follows:

15 (a) Except as provided by Subsections (b), ~~and~~ (c), and
16 (d), the standard service retirement annuity is an amount equal to
17 50 percent of the state salary being paid at the time the member
18 retires to a judge of a court of the same classification as the last
19 court to which the retiring member was elected or appointed.

20 (d) The service retirement annuity of a member qualifying
21 for retirement under Section 839.101(a) is the applicable state
22 salary under Subsection (a), multiplied by a percentage amount that
23 is the sum of 50 percent plus the product of two percent multiplied
24 by the number of years of subsequent service credit the member
25 accrues under Section 840.1025(a).

26 (e) After including any increase under Subsection (b), the
27 service retirement annuity under Subsection (c) may not be an

1 amount that is greater than 80 percent of the applicable salary
2 under Subsection (a).

3 SECTION 5. Section 840.102(g), Government Code, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 (g) Except as provided by Section 840.1025, a [A] member who
6 accrues 20 years of service credit in the retirement system ceases
7 making contributions under this section but is considered a
8 contributing member for all other purposes under this subtitle.

9 SECTION 6. Subchapter B, Chapter 840, Government Code, is
10 amended by adding Section 840.1025 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 840.1025. CONTRIBUTIONS AFTER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE
12 CREDIT. (a) A member who accrues 20 years of service credit in the
13 retirement system may elect to make contributions for each
14 subsequent year of service credit that the member accrues by filing
15 an application with the retirement system.

16 (b) A member who elects to make contributions under
17 Subsection (a) shall contribute two percent of the member's state
18 compensation for each payroll period in the manner provided by
19 Sections 840.102(b)-(f). Section 840.105 does not apply to a
20 contribution under this section.

21 (c) A member may not make contributions under this section
22 for more than 10 years of subsequent service credit that the member
23 accrues.

24 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.