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H.B. No. 70

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
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. The board of trustees of the Employees  
15 Retirement System of Texas shall adopt the rules required by  
16 Section 814.501(a), Government Code, as amended by this Act, not  
17 later than November 1, 2005.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.