

AN ACT

relating to benefits from the Employees Retirement System of Texas for law enforcement officers commissioned by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

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

SECTION 1. Subdivision (9), Section 811.001, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(9) "Law enforcement officer" means a member of the retirement system who:

(A) has been commissioned as a law enforcement officer by the Department of Public Safety, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, ~~[the State Board of Pharmacy,~~ or the Parks and Wildlife Department; and

(B) ~~[who]~~ is recognized as a commissioned law enforcement officer by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 814.104, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A member who is at least 55 years old and who has at least 10 years of service credit as a commissioned peace officer engaged in criminal law enforcement activities of the Department of Public Safety, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, ~~[the State Board of Pharmacy,~~ or the Parks and Wildlife Department, or as a custodial officer, is eligible to retire and receive a service

1 retirement annuity.

2 SECTION 3. Section 815.505, Government Code, is amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 Sec. 815.505. CERTIFICATION OF NAMES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND  
5 CUSTODIAL OFFICERS. Not later than the 12th day of the month  
6 following the month in which a person begins or ceases employment as  
7 a law enforcement officer or custodial officer, the Public Safety  
8 Commission, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the Parks and  
9 Wildlife Commission, [~~the State Board of Pharmacy,~~] the Board of  
10 Pardons and Paroles, or the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, as  
11 applicable, shall certify to the retirement system, in the manner  
12 prescribed by the system, the name of the employee and such other  
13 information as the system determines is necessary for the crediting  
14 of service and financing of benefits under this subtitle.

15 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
16 to a person who begins employment as a law enforcement officer of  
17 the Texas State Board of Pharmacy on or after the effective date of  
18 this Act. A person who begins employment as a law enforcement  
19 officer of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy before the effective  
20 date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately  
21 before the effective date of this Act, and that former law is  
22 continued in effect for that purpose.

23 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 262 passed the Senate on March 17, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 262 passed the House on May 9, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor