

1-1 By: Williams S.B. No. 262  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 25, 2005; February 3, 2005,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
1-4 March 1, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
1-5 Nays 0; March 1, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to benefits from the Employees Retirement System of Texas  
1-9 for law enforcement officers commissioned by the Texas State Board  
1-10 of Pharmacy.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subdivision (9), Section 811.001, Government  
1-13 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-14 (9) "Law enforcement officer" means a member of the  
1-15 retirement system who:

1-16 (A) has been commissioned as a law enforcement  
1-17 officer by the Department of Public Safety, the Texas Alcoholic  
1-18 Beverage Commission, [~~the State Board of Pharmacy,~~] or the Parks  
1-19 and Wildlife Department; and

1-20 (B) [~~who~~] is recognized as a commissioned law  
1-21 enforcement officer by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer  
1-22 Standards and Education.

1-23 SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 814.104, Government  
1-24 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-25 (b) A member who is at least 55 years old and who has at  
1-26 least 10 years of service credit as a commissioned peace officer  
1-27 engaged in criminal law enforcement activities of the Department of  
1-28 Public Safety, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, [~~the State  
1-29 Board of Pharmacy,~~] or the Parks and Wildlife Department, or as a  
1-30 custodial officer, is eligible to retire and receive a service  
1-31 retirement annuity.

1-32 SECTION 3. Section 815.505, Government Code, is amended to  
1-33 read as follows:

1-34 Sec. 815.505. CERTIFICATION OF NAMES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND  
1-35 CUSTODIAL OFFICERS. Not later than the 12th day of the month  
1-36 following the month in which a person begins or ceases employment as  
1-37 a law enforcement officer or custodial officer, the Public Safety  
1-38 Commission, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the Parks and  
1-39 Wildlife Commission, [~~the State Board of Pharmacy,~~] the Board of  
1-40 Pardons and Paroles, or the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, as  
1-41 applicable, shall certify to the retirement system, in the manner  
1-42 prescribed by the system, the name of the employee and such other  
1-43 information as the system determines is necessary for the crediting  
1-44 of service and financing of benefits under this subtitle.

1-45 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-46 to a person who begins employment as a law enforcement officer of  
1-47 the Texas State Board of Pharmacy on or after the effective date of  
1-48 this Act. A person who begins employment as a law enforcement  
1-49 officer of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy before the effective  
1-50 date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately  
1-51 before the effective date of this Act, and that former law is  
1-52 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-53 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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