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S.B. No. 1778

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the administration of a retirement health care plan for
firefighters and police officers in certain municipalities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1.02, Chapter 1332, Acts of the 75th
Legislature, Regular Session, 1997 (Article 6243q, Vernon's Texas
Civil Statutes), is amended by amending Subdivisions (1), (3), (4),
and (8) and adding Subdivisions (1-a), (1-b), (6-a) through (6-e),
(8-a), and (10) to read as follows:

(1) "Actuary" means an actuary selected by the board
to conduct an actuarial study who is a Fellow of the Society of
Actuaries, a Fellow of the Conference of Consulting Actuaries, or a
member of the American Academy of Actuaries. ["Active member"
~~means a member of the fund who is an active firefighter or police
officer of the municipality.~~]

(1-a) "Annual member payroll" means the amount
computed on the first payroll date in June of the applicable fiscal
year that equals the product of the base pay plus additional
compensation for employment longevity paid to all members for
services rendered multiplied by the total number of payroll dates
in the fiscal year.

(1-b) "Average member salary" means the amount
computed on the first payroll date in June of the applicable fiscal
year that equals the quotient of the annual member payroll for the

1 fiscal year divided by the number of members.

2 (3) "Beneficiary" means a retiree [~~retired police~~
3 ~~officer, a retired firefighter~~], or the spouse or other eligible
4 dependent of a retiree, [~~retired or deceased police officer or~~
5 ~~retired or deceased firefighter~~] who is entitled to receive retiree
6 health benefits under Section 5.01(a) of this Act.

7 (4) "Collective bargaining agreements [~~agreement~~]"
8 means the [~~a~~] collectively bargained agreements in effect on
9 January 1, 2004, [~~agreement~~] between a municipality to which this
10 Act applies and the exclusive bargaining agents of the firefighters
11 and police officers of the municipality under Chapter 174, Local
12 Government Code.

13 (6-a) "Master contract document" means the master
14 contract in effect on January 1, 2004, containing the terms and
15 conditions of the health and medical benefits plan established
16 under the collective bargaining agreements.

17 (6-b) "Member" means a firefighter or police officer,
18 except as provided by Section 4.011 of this Act.

19 (6-c) "Payroll date" means the date every other week
20 on which a municipality to which this Act applies pays regular
21 compensation.

22 (6-d) "Pension act" means Chapter 824, Acts of the
23 73rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1993 (Article 6243o, Vernon's
24 Texas Civil Statutes).

25 (6-e) "Pension fund" means the firefighters' and
26 police officers' pension fund of a municipality to which the
27 pension act applies.

1 (8) "Retiree" means an individual ~~[a member of the~~
2 ~~fund]~~ who was ~~[formerly]~~ a firefighter or police officer who
3 retired after September 30, 1989 ~~[of the municipality and who has a~~
4 ~~right to retirement health benefits under Section 5.01 of this~~
5 ~~Act]~~.

6 (8-a) "Retiree health plan" means the group family
7 health plan for retirees and other beneficiaries established by the
8 collective bargaining agreements and the master contract document.

9 (10) "Years of service" means the number of full years
10 beginning on the date the firefighter or police officer becomes a
11 member of the fund until the date the firefighter or police officer
12 retires or otherwise terminates employment as a firefighter or
13 police officer less any service credit for the amount of time the
14 member is engaged in active service with any uniformed service of
15 the United States that the member does not purchase in accordance
16 with Section 4.023 of this Act.

17 SECTION 2. Section 1.03, Chapter 1332, Acts of the 75th
18 Legislature, Regular Session, 1997 (Article 6243q, Vernon's Texas
19 Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

20 Sec. 1.03. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to a paid fire
21 and police department of a municipality with a population of
22 1,140,000 or more but less than 1,180,000, ~~[of 750,000 or more that~~
23 ~~has adopted Chapter 174, Local Government Code]~~.

24 SECTION 3. Sections 2.01(a) and (b), Chapter 1332, Acts of
25 the 75th Legislature, Regular Session, 1997 (Article 6243q,
26 Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), are amended to read as follows:

27 (a) The firefighters' and police officers' retiree health

1 care fund of a municipality is governed by a board of trustees
2 consisting of the following nine members:

3 (1) the mayor of the municipality or the mayor's
4 designee;

5 (2) two members of the municipal governing body,
6 appointed by that governing body;

7 (3) two [~~active~~] members of the fund who are
8 firefighters below the rank of fire chief, elected by secret ballot
9 by a majority of the votes cast by the [~~active~~] members of the fund
10 who are firefighters;

11 (4) two [~~active~~] members of the fund who are police
12 officers below the rank of police chief, elected by secret ballot by
13 a majority of the votes cast by the [~~active~~] members of the fund who
14 are police officers;

15 (5) a retiree representative of the fire department,
16 elected by secret ballot by a majority of the votes cast by the
17 retirees of the fire department who are beneficiaries of the fund
18 and the surviving spouses of deceased firefighters who are
19 beneficiaries of the fund; and

20 (6) a retiree representative of the police department,
21 elected by secret ballot by a majority of the votes cast by the
22 retirees of the police department who are beneficiaries of the fund
23 and the surviving spouses of deceased police officers who are
24 beneficiaries of the fund.

25 (b) The board, through its secretary, shall administer the
26 required elections of the [~~active~~] members and retiree trustees.
27 The board shall hold a runoff election between the two candidates

1 receiving the most votes if no candidate receives a majority of the
2 votes cast for a trustee position. On the executive director's
3 certification that a candidate for trustee is eligible for office
4 and is unopposed for election, the board shall certify the
5 candidate as elected to the board.

6 SECTION 4. Section 2.02, Chapter 1332, Acts of the 75th
7 Legislature, Regular Session, 1997 (Article 6243q, Vernon's Texas
8 Civil Statutes), is amended by amending Subsections (a), (c), and
9 (d) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

10 (a) Subject to Subsection (a-1) the ~~[The]~~ mayor of the
11 municipality or the mayor's designee, serves on the board for the
12 term of the mayor's office.

13 (a-1) The mayor may remove and replace the mayor's designee
14 at the mayor's discretion.

15 (c) The two ~~[active]~~ members of the fund who are
16 firefighters below the rank of fire chief serve on the board for
17 staggered four-year terms, with one member's term expiring every
18 two years.

19 (d) The two ~~[active]~~ members of the fund who are police
20 officers below the rank of police chief serve on the board for
21 staggered four-year terms, with one member's term expiring every
22 two years.

23 SECTION 5. Sections 2.03(a) and (c), Chapter 1332, Acts of
24 the 75th Legislature, Regular Session, 1997 (Article 6243q,
25 Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), are amended to read as follows:

26 (a) A trustee who is a retiree or a ~~[an active]~~ member of the
27 fund may resign or may be removed by a vote of the group eligible to

1 elect the trustee.

2 (c) A removal election must be held within 90 [~~30~~] days
3 after the date the board certifies that a proper petition for a
4 removal election has been signed by at least 20 percent of the
5 persons eligible to vote to elect the trustee. A trustee's term of
6 service ends on the entry of an order by the board declaring that a
7 majority of the votes cast in a removal election under this section
8 favor removal.

9 SECTION 6. Section 2.04(b), Chapter 1332, Acts of the 75th
10 Legislature, Regular Session, 1997 (Article 6243q, Vernon's Texas
11 Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

12 (b) The board in its discretion may elect other officers of
13 the board. An officer may be, but is not required to be, a trustee
14 [~~treasurer of the municipality is the treasurer of the board~~].

15 SECTION 7. Section 3.01, Chapter 1332, Acts of the 75th
16 Legislature, Regular Session, 1997 (Article 6243q, Vernon's Texas
17 Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subsections (f) through (k)
18 to read as follows:

19 (f) The board has full discretion and authority to
20 administer the fund and the retiree health plan, construe and
21 interpret this Act and the retiree health plan, correct any defect
22 or omission, reconcile any inconsistency, and perform all other
23 acts necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act and the retiree
24 health plan and administer this Act and the retiree health plan for
25 the greatest benefit of all members in a manner and to the extent
26 that the board considers expedient.

27 (g) A gathering of any number of trustees to investigate,

1 research, or review prospective or current investments or otherwise
2 attend to the trustees' fiduciary responsibilities, without formal
3 action by the trustees, is not a deliberation or meeting under
4 Chapter 551, Government Code, and is not required to be open to the
5 public.

6 (h) The trustees of the fund are immune from liability for
7 any action taken or omission made in good faith in the performance
8 of their duties for the fund.

9 (i) Information contained in a record that is in the custody
10 of the fund concerning a member, former member, retiree, deceased
11 retiree, beneficiary, or alternate payee is confidential under
12 Chapter 552, Government Code. The information may not be disclosed
13 in a form that identifies a specific individual, unless the
14 information is disclosed:

15 (1) to the individual;

16 (2) to the individual's spouse, attorney, guardian,
17 executor, administrator, or conservator, or to another person the
18 executive director or the executive director's designee determines
19 from written documentation to be acting in the interest of the
20 individual or the individual's estate;

21 (3) to a person authorized by the individual in
22 writing to receive the information;

23 (4) to a government official or employee seeking the
24 information in order to perform the duties of the official or
25 employee; or

26 (5) under a subpoena.

27 (j) Subsection (i) of this section does not prevent the

1 disclosure of the status or identity of an individual as a member,
2 former member, retiree, deceased member, deceased retiree,
3 beneficiary, or alternate payee of the fund.

4 (k) A determination and disclosure under Subsection (i) of
5 this section does not require notice to the member, retiree,
6 beneficiary, or alternate payee.

7 SECTION 8. The heading to Article 4, Chapter 1332, Acts of
8 the 75th Legislature, Regular Session, 1997 (Article 6243q,
9 Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

10 ARTICLE 4. MEMBERSHIP AND CONTRIBUTIONS

11 SECTION 9. Article 4, Chapter 1332, Acts of the 75th
12 Legislature, Regular Session, 1997 (Article 6243q, Vernon's Texas
13 Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Section 4.011 to read as
14 follows:

15 Sec. 4.011. MEMBERSHIP OF FIRE CHIEF AND CHIEF OF POLICE.
16 Not later than the 30th day after the date a fire chief or a chief of
17 police of a municipality assumes office, the fire chief or chief of
18 police may make an irrevocable election to not become a member of
19 the fund or to terminate membership in the fund by delivering
20 written notice of such election to the secretary of the board. A
21 fire chief or chief of police who does not make an election under
22 this subsection is considered to have chosen to become or to remain
23 a member of the fund.

24 SECTION 10. Section 4.02, Chapter 1332, Acts of the 75th
25 Legislature, Regular Session, 1997 (Article 6243q, Vernon's Texas
26 Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

27 Sec. 4.02. MEMBER AND BENEFICIARY CONTRIBUTIONS. (a)

1 Subject to Section 4.022 of this Act, there shall be deducted from
2 each member's compensation and contributed to the fund on each
3 payroll date an amount equal to the member contribution amount
4 applicable to the fiscal year in which the payroll date occurs. The
5 member contribution amount applicable to a fiscal year equals the
6 amount obtained by:

7 (1) multiplying the average member salary for the
8 preceding fiscal year by the percentage equal to 100 percent plus
9 the estimated percentage increase in the annual member payroll from
10 the preceding fiscal year to the fiscal year as determined by the
11 actuary;

12 (2) multiplying the product computed under
13 Subdivision (1) of this subsection by the percentage applicable to
14 the fiscal year as provided in Subsection (b) of this section; and

15 (3) dividing the product computed under Subdivision
16 (2) of this subsection by the total number of payroll dates that
17 occur during the fiscal year. [~~Contributions to the fund shall be~~
18 ~~determined in accordance with the collective bargaining~~
19 ~~agreements.]~~

20 (b) For purposes of Subsections (a)(2) and (d)(3) of this
21 section, the percentage applicable to each fiscal year is:

22 (1) 2.0 percent for the fiscal year beginning October
23 1, 2007, and ending September 30, 2008;

24 (2) 2.7 percent for the fiscal year beginning October
25 1, 2008, and ending September 30, 2009;

26 (3) 3.4 percent for the fiscal year beginning October
27 1, 2009, and ending September 30, 2010;

1 (4) 4.1 percent for the fiscal year beginning October
2 1, 2010, and ending September 30, 2011; and

3 (5) 4.7 percent for the fiscal year beginning October
4 1, 2011, and all subsequent fiscal years. ~~[Any donations made to~~
5 ~~the fund and all money received from any source for the fund shall~~
6 ~~be deposited in the fund at the earliest opportunity.]~~

7 (c) Subject to Subsection (e) of this section, to be
8 eligible for health benefits under Section 5.01 of this Act, a
9 retiree who retired with less than 30 years of service, or the
10 retiree's surviving spouse in the case of a deceased retiree, shall
11 continue to make monthly contributions in accordance with
12 Subsection (d) of this section to the fund after the date of the
13 retiree's retirement for the lesser of:

14 (1) the period preceding the date the retiree becomes
15 eligible for federal Medicare coverage; or

16 (2) the period equal to 30 years less the retiree's
17 years of service achieved on the date of the retiree's retirement
18 ~~[The municipal contribution to and health benefits paid from the~~
19 ~~fund are a part of the compensation for services rendered to the~~
20 ~~municipality. This Act is considered part of the contract of~~
21 ~~employment and appointment of the firefighters and police officers~~
22 ~~of a municipality to which this Act applies].~~

23 (d) The pension fund shall deduct the contribution required
24 under Subsection (c) of this section from the monthly retirement
25 benefit payment or death benefit payment paid to each retiree or
26 retiree's spouse required to make the contributions, excluding
27 payments made by the pension fund under Section 6.12 of this Act.

1 The pension fund shall deduct an amount equal to the retiree
2 contribution amount applicable to the fiscal year in which the
3 benefit payment occurs. The retiree contribution amount applicable
4 to a fiscal year equals the amount obtained by:

5 (1) multiplying the average member salary for the
6 preceding fiscal year by a percentage equal to 100 percent plus the
7 estimated percentage increase in the annual member payroll from the
8 preceding fiscal year to the fiscal year as determined by the
9 actuary;

10 (2) multiplying the product computed under
11 Subdivision (1) of this subsection by the percentage applicable to
12 the fiscal year as provided by Subsection (b) of this section; and

13 (3) dividing the product computed under Subdivision
14 (2) of this subsection by 12.

15 (e) A retiree who retired under the pension act as a result
16 of a disability, or the disability retiree's surviving spouse in
17 the case of a deceased disability retiree, is not required to make
18 contributions under Subsection (c) of this section for more than 10
19 years following the date of the disability retiree's retirement.

20 (f) This section applies only to members who retire as a
21 service or disability retiree after October 1, 2007, and their
22 surviving spouses.

23 (g) The municipal contributions to and health benefits paid
24 from the fund are a part of the compensation for services rendered
25 to a municipality to which this Act applies. This Act is considered
26 part of the contract of employment and appointment of the
27 firefighters and police officers of that municipality.

SECTION 11. Article 4, Chapter 1332, Acts of the 75th Legislature, Regular Session, 1997 (Article 6243q, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Sections 4.021, 4.022, and 4.023 to read as follows:

Sec. 4.021. CONTRIBUTIONS BY A MUNICIPALITY. (a) Subject to Section 4.022 of this Act, a municipality to which this Act applies shall pay into the fund on each payroll date the municipal contribution amount applicable to the fiscal year in which the payroll date occurs. The municipal contribution amount applicable to a fiscal year equals the amount obtained by:

(1) multiplying the average member salary for the preceding fiscal year by the percentage equal to 100 percent plus the estimated percentage increase in the annual member payroll from the preceding fiscal year to the fiscal year as determined by the actuary;

(2) multiplying the product computed under Subdivision (1) of this subsection by 9.4 percent;

(3) dividing the product computed under Subdivision (2) of this subsection by the total number of payroll dates that will occur during the fiscal year; and

(4) multiplying the quotient computed under Subdivision (3) of this subsection by the number of individuals who are members on the payroll date.

(b) The municipal contributions to and health benefits paid from the fund are part of the compensation for services rendered to the municipality. This Act is considered part of the contract of employment and appointment of the firefighters and police officers

1 of that municipality.

2 Sec. 4.022. MANDATORY ADJUSTMENTS TO RETIREE HEALTH PLAN
3 CONTRIBUTIONS AND OUT-OF-POCKET PAYMENTS. (a) Subject to
4 Subsection (b) of this section, if on October 1, 2017, the actuary
5 determines and states in the then most recent actuarial report
6 delivered to the board that the number of years required to fully
7 amortize the unfunded liability of the fund is more than 30 years,
8 the board shall modify the retiree health plan as follows:

9 (1) the amount of the contribution in effect under
10 Sections 4.02(a) and 4.021(a) of this Act shall be increased by a
11 percentage determined by the board not to exceed 10 percent on
12 October 1 of each year, commencing October 1, 2017; and

13 (2) the maximum deductibles and maximum out-of-pocket
14 payments for each individual in a calendar year and for each family
15 in a calendar year set out in the retiree health plan then in effect
16 shall be increased by a percentage determined by the board not to
17 exceed 10 percent on January 1 of each year, commencing January 1,
18 2018.

19 (b) The board is not required to implement additional
20 increases under Subsection (a) of this section if the actuary
21 determines and states in the actuarial report delivered to the
22 board under that subsection that the number of years required to
23 fully amortize the unfunded liability of the fund is 30 years or
24 less.

25 (c) Except as provided by this section, the board may not
26 change the amount of contributions to the fund by a member under
27 Section 4.02 of this Act or a municipality under Section 4.021 of

1 this Act.

2 Sec. 4.023. UNIFORMED SERVICE. (a) A member of the fund
3 who enters any uniformed service of the United States may not:

4 (1) be required to make the monthly payments into the
5 fund as required by this Act while the member is engaged in active
6 service with the uniformed service; or

7 (2) lose any seniority rights or retirement benefits
8 provided by this Act because of that service.

9 (b) Not later than the 90th day after the date of the
10 member's reinstatement to an active status in a fire or police
11 department, the member shall file with the secretary of the board a
12 written statement of intent to pay into the fund an amount equal to
13 the amount the member would have paid if the member had remained on
14 active status in the department during the period of the member's
15 absence while in the uniformed service.

16 (c) The member shall make the payment described by
17 Subsection (b) of this section in full within a period after the
18 member's return that is equal to three times the amount of time the
19 member was absent, except that the maximum period for payment may
20 not exceed five years.

21 (d) If the member does not comply with Subsections (b) and
22 (c) of this section, the member loses all credit toward the member's
23 years of service for the length of time the member was engaged in
24 active service in any uniformed service.

25 (e) The amount of credit purchased under this section may
26 not exceed the length of the active service in a uniformed service
27 required to be credited by law.

1 (f) If the member complies with this section and makes all
2 required payments, a municipality to which this Act applies shall
3 make payment to the fund in an amount equal to the amount the
4 municipality would have paid if the member had remained on active
5 status in the department during the member's absence while in the
6 uniformed service.

7 SECTION 12. Section 4.03(b), Chapter 1332, Acts of the 75th
8 Legislature, Regular Session, 1997 (Article 6243q, Vernon's Texas
9 Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

10 (b) This fund is intended to be a voluntary employee's
11 beneficiary association as described by Section 501(c), Internal
12 Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. Section 501(c)), [~~as amended,~~] and
13 the board has the discretion to [~~may~~] take any action necessary to
14 ensure that the fund is classified as such.

15 SECTION 13. Section 5.01, Chapter 1332, Acts of the 75th
16 Legislature, Regular Session, 1997 (Article 6243q, Vernon's Texas
17 Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

18 Sec. 5.01. RETIREMENT HEALTH BENEFITS. (a) A person is
19 eligible to receive health and medical benefits under this Act in
20 accordance with the provisions of the retiree health plan in
21 effect, except as otherwise provided by this Act.

22 (b) Health and medical benefits shall be provided by the
23 fund to persons who are eligible to receive them under Subsection
24 (a) of this section, in accordance with the provisions of the
25 retiree health plan in effect, except as otherwise provided by this
26 Act.

27 (c) The expiration of the terms, or the termination, of the

1 collective bargaining agreements or the master contract document
2 has no effect on the benefits provided under this Act.

3 (d) The board as it considers appropriate may modify the
4 retiree health plan if the fund's total actuarial unfunded
5 liability, as determined by the actuary, is not increased by the
6 modification.

7 (e) The board may discontinue benefits under this section
8 for any person who does not make the contributions required by
9 Section 4.02 of this Act.

10 (f) On January 1, 2008, the maximum deductible for each
11 individual in a calendar year as set out in the retiree health plan
12 increases from \$200 to \$500, and the maximum deductible for each
13 family in a calendar year as set out in the retiree health plan
14 increases from \$400 to \$1,000.

15 (g) The maximum out-of-pocket, including deductible,
16 payment for each individual for each of the following calendar
17 years as set out in the retiree health plan increases as follows:

- 18 (1) on January 1, 2008, from \$700 to \$1,500;
19 (2) on January 1, 2009, from \$1,500 to \$1,600;
20 (3) on January 1, 2010, from \$1,600 to \$1,700;
21 (4) on January 1, 2011, from \$1,700 to \$1,800; and
22 (5) on January 1, 2012, from \$1,800 to \$1,900.

23 (h) Commencing January 1, 2013, on January 1 of each year
24 the board shall increase the amount of the maximum deductible and
25 out-of-pocket payments established under Subsections (f) and (g) of
26 this section by a percentage equal to the then most recently
27 published annual percentage increase in health care costs as set

1 out in a published index selected by the actuary that reflects
2 annual changes in health care costs. The annual percentage increase
3 provided for by this subsection may not exceed eight percent.
4 ~~[Retirement health benefits shall be determined in accordance with~~
5 ~~the collective bargaining agreements.]~~

6 SECTION 14. Section 6.02, Chapter 1332, Acts of the 75th
7 Legislature, Regular Session, 1997 (Article 6243q, Vernon's Texas
8 Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

9 Sec. 6.02. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS. (a) Accounts of
10 the fund shall be kept as ordered by the board.

11 (b) The board shall require that monthly financial reports
12 showing all fund receipts and disbursements be prepared and
13 submitted to the board.

14 SECTION 15. Section 6.04(c), Chapter 1332, Acts of the 75th
15 Legislature, Regular Session, 1997 (Article 6243q, Vernon's Texas
16 Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

17 (c) The board may directly manage investments of the reserve
18 funds or may choose to contract for professional management
19 services. If the funds own real estate, the board may, at its
20 discretion, establish an organization described by Section
21 501(c)(2) or [Section] 501(c)(25), Internal Revenue Code of 1986
22 ~~[(26 U.S.C. Section 501(c)(25))]~~, as amended, to hold title to the
23 real estate.

24 SECTION 16. Section 6.05(a), Chapter 1332, Acts of the 75th
25 Legislature, Regular Session, 1997 (Article 6243q, Vernon's Texas
26 Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

27 (a) The board may contract for professional investment

1 management services, financial consultants, independent auditors,
2 third-party administrators, preferred providers, health
3 maintenance organizations, attorneys, and actuaries. Only the
4 board may enter into those contracts. The board may establish a
5 reasonable fee for compensation under those contracts.

6 SECTION 17. Section 6.06, Chapter 1332, Acts of the 75th
7 Legislature, Regular Session, 1997 (Article 6243q, Vernon's Texas
8 Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

9 Sec. 6.06. INVESTMENT CONSULTANT [~~MANAGER~~] QUALIFICATIONS.
10 In appointing investment consultants [~~managers~~], the board shall
11 require that the investment consultant [~~manager~~] be:

12 (1) registered under the Investment Advisors Act of
13 1940 (15 U.S.C. Section 80b-1 et seq.), as amended;

14 (2) a bank as defined by that Act; or

15 (3) an insurance company qualified to perform
16 investment services under the law of more than one state.

17 SECTION 18. Sections 4.01 and 6.01, Chapter 1332, Acts of
18 the 75th Legislature, Regular Session, 1997 (Article 6243q,
19 Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), are repealed.

20 SECTION 19. Not later than the 30th day after the effective
21 date of this Act, a person serving as the fire chief or chief of
22 police of a municipality to which Chapter 1332, Acts of the 75th
23 Legislature, Regular Session, 1997 (Article 6243q, Vernon's Texas
24 Civil Statutes), applies may make an irrevocable election to not
25 become a member of the fund or to terminate membership in the fund
26 by delivering written notice of that election to the secretary of
27 the board of trustees of the firefighters' and police officers'

1 retiree health care fund of the municipality. A fire chief or chief
2 of police who does not make an election under this section is
3 considered to have chosen to become or remain a member of the fund.

4 SECTION 20. The changes in law made by this Act to a
5 municipality's or a person's contributions to a fund to which this
6 Act applies apply only to a contribution made on the first payroll
7 date that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act.

8 SECTION 21. This Act takes effect October 1, 2007.