

1-1 By: Duncan S.B. No. 1847
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to Employees Retirement System of Texas collection of
1-9 member contributions.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 815.402, Government Code, is amended to
1-12 read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 815.402. COLLECTION OF MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS.

1-14 (a) Except as provided by Section 813.201, each payroll period,
1-15 each department or agency of the state shall cause to be deducted
1-16 from each member's compensation a contribution of:

1-17 (1) six and four-tenths [~~six~~] percent of the
1-18 compensation if the member is not a member of the legislature; or

1-19 (2) eight percent of the compensation if the member is
1-20 a member of the legislature.

1-21 (b) To facilitate the making of deductions, the board of
1-22 trustees may modify a member's required deductions by an amount
1-23 that does not exceed one-tenth of one percent of the annual
1-24 compensation on which the deduction is made.

1-25 (c) Each department or agency head shall certify to the
1-26 board of trustees and to the disbursing officer of the department or
1-27 agency on each payroll, or in another manner prescribed by the
1-28 board, the amounts to be deducted from each member's compensation.

1-29 (d) The disbursing officer of each department or agency on
1-30 authority from the department or agency head shall:

1-31 (1) make deductions from each member's compensation
1-32 for contributions to the retirement system;

1-33 (2) transmit monthly, or at the time designated by the
1-34 board of trustees, a certified copy of the payroll or report to the
1-35 retirement system; and

1-36 (3) pay the amount deducted to the retirement system
1-37 for deposit in the employees saving account.

1-38 (e) The retirement system shall record all receipts of
1-39 member contributions and shall deliver the receipts to the
1-40 comptroller. The comptroller shall credit the receipts to the
1-41 employees saving account.

1-42 (f) The deductions required by this section shall be made
1-43 even if the member's compensation is reduced below the amount equal
1-44 to the minimum compensation provided by law.

1-45 (g) By becoming a member of the retirement system, a member
1-46 consents to the deductions required by this section. The payment of
1-47 compensation less those deductions is a complete release of all
1-48 claims, except benefits provided by this subtitle, for services
1-49 rendered by the member during the payment period.

1-50 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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