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S.B. No. 1853

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to contributions to, benefits from, and the administration
of the Texas Municipal Retirement System.

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

SECTION 1. Section 851.006, Government Code, is amended to
read as follows:

Sec. 851.006. Exemption from Execution.

(a) All retirement annuity payments, other benefit
payments, and a member's accumulated contributions are
unassignable and are exempt from execution, garnishment,
attachment, and state and local taxation.

(b) The board of trustees by rule may authorize the
retirement system to make distributions to pay the qualified health
insurance premiums of a public safety officer in accordance with
the provisions of Section 845, Pension Protection Act of 2006, Pub.
L. No. 109-280.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
Act takes effect September 1, 2007.