

Amend **CSSB 1664** (committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 659.140(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The ~~[Each member of the]~~ state policy committee must:

(1) be composed of employees and retired state employees receiving benefits under Chapter 814; and

(2) [a state employee. The membership must] represent employees at different levels of employee classification.

SECTION _____. Section 659.143(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The presiding officer of a local employee committee shall recruit at least five but not more than 10 additional members. The members must represent different levels of employee classification. One or more members may be retired state employees receiving retirement benefits under Chapter 814.

SECTION _____. The heading to Section 814.009, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 814.009. DEDUCTION FROM ANNUITY FOR STATE EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION.

SECTION _____. Subchapter A, Chapter 814, Government Code, is amended by adding Sections 814.0095 and 814.0096 to read as follows:

Sec. 814.0095. CHARITABLE DEDUCTION FROM ANNUITY. (a) Except as provided by Section 814.0096(c), a person who receives an annuity under this subchapter may, on a printed or electronic form filed with the retirement system, authorize the retirement system to deduct from the person's monthly annuity payment the amount of a contribution to the state employee charitable campaign in the manner and for the same purposes for which a state employee may authorize deductions to that campaign under Subchapter I, Chapter 659.

(b) An authorization under this section must direct the board of trustees to deposit the deducted funds with the comptroller for distribution as required by Section 659.132(g) in the same manner in which a state employee's deduction is

distributed.

(c) An authorization under this section remains in effect for the period described by Section 659.137 unless the person revokes the authorization by giving notice to the board of trustees.

(d) The board of trustees may adopt rules to administer this section. Any rules adopted must be consistent with the comptroller's rules related to the state employee charitable campaign.

Sec. 814.0096. COORDINATION WITH STATE EMPLOYEE CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN POLICY COMMITTEE. (a) The board of trustees and the state employee charitable campaign policy committee established under Section 659.140 shall coordinate responsibility for the administration of charitable deductions from annuity payments to the state employee charitable campaign under Section 814.0095.

(b) The state policy committee is authorized to approve a budget that includes funding for as many of the expenses incurred by the retirement system associated with the implementation and administration of annuitants' participation in the state employee charitable campaign as is practicable, including notification of annuitants.

(c) Except as provided by this subsection, the board of trustees shall charge an administrative fee to cover any costs not paid under Subsection (b) in the implementation of Section 814.0095 to the charitable organizations participating in the state employee charitable campaign conducted under that section in the same proportion that the contributions to that charitable organization bear to the total of contributions in that campaign. The board of trustees shall determine the most efficient and effective method of collecting the administrative fee and shall adopt rules for the implementation of this subsection.

(d) If necessary, the board of trustees and the state policy committee may make the annuity deduction authorization under Section 814.0095(a) available in stages to subgroups of the retirement system's annuity recipients as money becomes available to cover the expenses under Subsection (b) of this section.

SECTION _____. (a) The board of trustees of the Employees

Retirement System of Texas, in cooperation with the comptroller and the state employee charitable campaign policy committee established under Section 659.140, Government Code, as amended by this Act, may adopt rules to implement Sections 814.0095 and 814.0096, Government Code, as added by this Act.

(b) The board of trustees of the Employees Retirement System of Texas by rule shall designate the start date on which annuity deductions begin under Sections 814.0095 and 814.0096, Government Code, as added by this Act.