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H.B. No. 2542

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the powers and duties of the State Board of Trustees of
3 the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System and of the fire
4 fighters' pension commissioner.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 865.004(b), Government Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (b) The concurrence of a majority of the members of the
9 state board is required for a vote regarding:

10 (1) eligibility for service retirement described by
11 Section 864.001;

12 (2) the computation of a service retirement annuity
13 described by Section 864.002; or

14 (3) a cost-of-living increase described by Section
15 864.013[~~, or~~

16 [~~(4) a lump-sum payment adopted under Section~~
17 ~~864.014]~~.

18 SECTION 2. Section 865.006(b), Government Code, is amended
19 to read as follows:

20 (b) The state board shall adopt rules the board considers
21 necessary or desirable for the administration of the fund and the
22 pension system. The state board shall adopt rules to provide a
23 proration of the requirements for qualified service for a member
24 who performs service for only a portion of a calendar year and may

1 provide by rule for the manner in which member attendance or
2 training hours are to be computed.

3 SECTION 3. Section 21A(g), Texas Local Firefighters
4 Retirement Act (Article 6243e, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (g) The fire fighters' pension commissioner shall file
7 annually with the governor, ~~and~~ the presiding officer of each
8 house of the legislature, and the Legislative Budget Board a
9 complete and detailed written report accounting for all funds
10 received and disbursed by the commissioner during the preceding
11 fiscal year, other than funds of the Texas Emergency Services [~~Fire~~
12 ~~Fighters' Relief and~~ Retirement System [~~Fund~~] established by
13 Subtitle H, Title 8, Government Code [~~under the Texas Statewide~~
14 ~~Volunteer Fire Fighters Retirement Act (Article 6243e.3, Vernon's~~
15 ~~Texas Civil Statutes)~~]. The annual report must be in the form and
16 reported in the time provided by the General Appropriations Act.

17 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.