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S.B. No. 1286

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the administration and funding of retirement systems  
3 for firefighters in certain municipalities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 2.03(b), Chapter 183 (S.B. 598), Acts of  
6 the 64th Legislature, Regular Session, 1975 (Article 6243e.1,  
7 Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

8 (b) Between November 1 of each year and the first Monday in  
9 January of the following year, the board of trustees shall hold an  
10 election to elect one member of the board of trustees. If only one  
11 firefighter or retiree is nominated for a position under Subsection  
12 (c) of this section, instead of holding an election, the board of  
13 trustees may appoint the sole nominated candidate at the first  
14 board meeting in January. The board shall adopt procedures for the  
15 appointment of a sole nominated candidate under this subsection. A  
16 board member appointed under this subsection is considered elected  
17 for purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 2. Sections 10.01(a) and (b), Chapter 183 (S.B.  
19 598), Acts of the 64th Legislature, Regular Session, 1975 (Article  
20 6243e.1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), are amended to read as  
21 follows:

22 (a) Each municipality in which a fire department to which  
23 this Act applies is located shall appropriate and contribute to the  
24 fund an amount equal to a percentage [~~18.05 percent~~] of the

1 compensation of all members during that month as follows:

2 (1) 19.05 percent, beginning on the first pay date  
3 following September 30, 2010, through the pay date immediately  
4 preceding September 30, 2011;

5 (2) 20.05 percent, beginning on the first pay date  
6 following September 30, 2011, through the pay date immediately  
7 preceding September 30, 2012;

8 (3) 21.05 percent, for 24 pay dates of the  
9 municipality beginning on the first pay date following September  
10 30, 2012; and

11 (4) 22.05 percent, for all pay dates of the  
12 municipality that follow the 24 pay dates referenced in Subdivision  
13 (3) of this subsection.

14 (b) Each firefighter shall pay into the fund each month a  
15 percentage [~~13.70 percent~~] of the firefighter's compensation for  
16 that month as follows:

17 (1) 15.70 percent, for the pay dates of the  
18 municipality following September 30, 2010, through the pay date  
19 immediately preceding September 30, 2011;

20 (2) 16.20 percent, beginning on the first pay date of  
21 the municipality following September 30, 2011, through the pay date  
22 immediately preceding September 30, 2012;

23 (3) 16.70 percent, beginning on the first pay date of  
24 the municipality following September 30, 2012, through the pay date  
25 immediately preceding September 30, 2013;

26 (4) 17.20 percent, beginning on the first pay date of  
27 the municipality following September 30, 2013, through the pay date

1 immediately preceding September 30, 2014;

2 (5) 17.70 percent, beginning on the first pay date of  
3 the municipality following September 30, 2014, through the pay date  
4 immediately preceding September 30, 2015;

5 (6) 18.20 percent, beginning on the first pay date of  
6 the municipality following September 30, 2015, through the pay date  
7 immediately preceding September 30, 2016; and

8 (7) 18.70 percent, for the first pay date of the  
9 municipality following September 30, 2016, and all subsequent pay  
10 dates of the municipality.

11 SECTION 3. The board of trustees of a retirement system  
12 subject to this Act shall adopt procedures required under Section  
13 2.03(b), Chapter 183 (S.B. 598), Acts of the 64th Legislature,  
14 Regular Session, 1975 (Article 6243e.1, Vernon's Texas Civil  
15 Statutes), as amended by this Act, before a sole nominated  
16 candidate may be appointed to the board of trustees.

17 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.