

1-1 By: Watson S.B. No. 1286
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2011; March 16, 2011, read
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the administration and funding of retirement systems
1-9 for firefighters in certain municipalities.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 2.03, Chapter 183 (S.B.
1-12 598), Acts of the 64th Legislature, Regular Session, 1975 (Article
1-13 6243e.1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as
1-14 follows:

1-15 (b) Between November 1 of each year and the first Monday in
1-16 January of the following year, the board of trustees shall hold an
1-17 election to elect one member of the board of trustees. If only one
1-18 firefighter or retiree is nominated for a position under Subsection
1-19 (c) of this section, instead of holding an election, the board of
1-20 trustees may appoint the sole nominated candidate at the first
1-21 board meeting in January. The board shall adopt procedures for the
1-22 appointment of a sole nominated candidate under this subsection. A
1-23 board member appointed under this subsection is considered elected
1-24 for purposes of this Act.

1-25 SECTION 2. Subsections (a) and (b), Section 10.01, Chapter
1-26 183 (S.B. 598), Acts of the 64th Legislature, Regular Session, 1975
1-27 (Article 6243e.1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), are amended to
1-28 read as follows:

1-29 (a) Each municipality in which a fire department to which
1-30 this Act applies is located shall appropriate and contribute to the
1-31 fund an amount equal to a percentage [~~18.05 percent~~] of the
1-32 compensation of all members during that month as follows:

1-33 (1) 19.05 percent, beginning on the first pay date
1-34 following September 30, 2010, through the pay date immediately
1-35 preceding September 30, 2011;

1-36 (2) 20.05 percent, beginning on the first pay date
1-37 following September 30, 2011, through the pay date immediately
1-38 preceding September 30, 2012;

1-39 (3) 21.05 percent, for 24 pay dates of the
1-40 municipality beginning on the first pay date following September
1-41 30, 2012; and

1-42 (4) 22.05 percent, for all pay dates of the
1-43 municipality that follow the 24 pay dates referenced in Subdivision
1-44 (3) of this subsection.

1-45 (b) Each firefighter shall pay into the fund each month a
1-46 percentage [~~13.70 percent~~] of the firefighter's compensation for
1-47 that month as follows:

1-48 (1) 15.70 percent, for the pay dates of the
1-49 municipality following September 30, 2010, through the pay date
1-50 immediately preceding September 30, 2011;

1-51 (2) 16.20 percent, beginning on the first pay date of
1-52 the municipality following September 30, 2011, through the pay date
1-53 immediately preceding September 30, 2012;

1-54 (3) 16.70 percent, beginning on the first pay date of
1-55 the municipality following September 30, 2012, through the pay date
1-56 immediately preceding September 30, 2013;

1-57 (4) 17.20 percent, beginning on the first pay date of
1-58 the municipality following September 30, 2013, through the pay date
1-59 immediately preceding September 30, 2014;

1-60 (5) 17.70 percent, beginning on the first pay date of
1-61 the municipality following September 30, 2014, through the pay date
1-62 immediately preceding September 30, 2015;

1-63 (6) 18.20 percent, beginning on the first pay date of
1-64 the municipality following September 30, 2015, through the pay date

2-1 immediately preceding September 30, 2016; and
2-2 (7) 18.70 percent, for the first pay date of the
2-3 municipality following September 30, 2016, and all subsequent pay
2-4 dates of the municipality.

2-5 SECTION 3. The board of trustees of a retirement system
2-6 subject to this Act shall adopt procedures required under
2-7 Subsection (b), Section 2.03, Chapter 183 (S.B. 598), Acts of the
2-8 64th Legislature, Regular Session, 1975 (Article 6243e.1, Vernon's
2-9 Texas Civil Statutes), as amended by this Act, before a sole
2-10 nominated candidate may be appointed to the board of trustees.

2-11 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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