

AN ACT

relating to the Employees Retirement System of Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 812.003(a), (d), and (e), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection [~~Subsections~~] (b) [~~and (d)~~], membership in the employee class of the retirement system includes all employees and appointed officers of every department, commission, board, agency, or institution of the state except:

(1) independent contractors and their employees performing work for the state; and

(2) persons disqualified from membership under Section 812.201.

(d) Membership in the employee class begins on the [~~91st day after the~~] first day a person is employed or holds office.

(e) A person who is reemployed or who again holds office after withdrawing contributions under Subchapter B for previous service credited in the employee class begins membership in the employee class on the [~~91st day after the~~] first day the person is reemployed or again holds office.

SECTION 2. Section 813.514, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) This section applies only to a member who became a

1 member before September 1, 2015.

2 (a-1) A member may establish service credit under this
3 section in the employee class only for service performed during a
4 90-day waiting period to become a member after beginning employment
5 or holding office.

6 SECTION 3. Section 815.402(a), Government Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (a) Except as provided by Section 813.201, each payroll
9 period, each department or agency of the state shall cause to be
10 deducted from each member's compensation a contribution of:

11 (1) 9.5 [~~6.6 percent of the compensation if the member~~
12 ~~is not a member of the legislature, for service rendered after~~
13 ~~August 31, 2013, and before September 1, 2014,~~

14 [~~(2) 6.9 percent of the compensation if the member is~~
15 ~~not a member of the legislature, for service rendered after August~~
16 ~~31, 2014, and before September 1, 2015,~~

17 [~~(3) 7.2~~] percent of the compensation if the member is
18 not a member of the legislature, for service rendered after August
19 31, 2015, and before September 1, 2017 [~~2016~~];

20 (2) [~~(4) 7.5 percent of the compensation if the~~
21 ~~member is not a member of the legislature, for service rendered~~
22 ~~after August 31, 2016,~~

23 [~~(5)~~] for service by a member who is not a member of
24 the legislature rendered on or after September 1, 2017, the lesser
25 of:

26 (A) 9.5 [~~7.5~~] percent of the member's annual
27 compensation; or

1 (B) a percentage of the member's annual
2 compensation equal to 9.5 [~~7.5~~] percent reduced by one-tenth of one
3 percent for each one-tenth of one percent that the state
4 contribution rate for the fiscal year to which the service relates
5 is less than the state contribution rate established for the 2017
6 [~~2015~~] fiscal year; or

7 (3) 9.5 [~~(6) eight~~] percent of the compensation if the
8 member is a member of the legislature.

9 SECTION 4. Section 812.003(f), Government Code, is
10 repealed.

11 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 9 was passed by the House on April 14, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 9 on May 26, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 9 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor