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H.B. No. 1648

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to participation of certain nongovernmental entities in
3 the Texas County and District Retirement System and the Texas
4 Municipal Retirement System.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 841.001(17), Government Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (17) "Subdivision" means a political subdivision of
9 the state that is not eligible to participate in any other statewide
10 retirement system or that is not currently participating in a
11 retirement system established by the legislature. The term
12 includes [~~the Texas Association of Counties,~~] the retirement
13 system[~~]~~ and a city-county hospital jointly managed under
14 Subchapter B, Chapter 265, Health and Safety Code. The term does
15 not include a branch, division, department, employee
16 classification group, or other separately identified component of a
17 political subdivision.

18 SECTION 2. Section 852.005(a), Government Code, is amended
19 to read as follows:

20 (a) For the purposes of this subtitle, the Texas Municipal
21 Retirement System has [~~and, as limited by Subsection (b), the Texas~~
22 ~~Municipal League, have]~~ the standing of a municipality
23 [~~municipalities~~].

24 SECTION 3. (a) Section 841.001, Government Code, as

1 amended by this Act:

2 (1) applies only with respect to a person who becomes
3 an employee of the Texas Association of Counties on or after the
4 effective date of this Act; and

5 (2) does not affect the rights or benefits of a person
6 who, on the effective date of this Act, is a member, retiree,
7 annuitant, beneficiary, or alternate payee of the Texas County and
8 District Retirement System.

9 (b) Notwithstanding Section 841.001, Government Code, as
10 amended by this Act, the Texas Association of Counties shall
11 continue participation in the Texas County and District Retirement
12 System only to the extent necessary to ensure the provision of
13 retirement and related disability and death benefits, as
14 applicable, for persons described by Subsection (a)(2) of this
15 section.

16 (c) The board of trustees of the Texas County and District
17 Retirement System shall adopt rules the board determines necessary
18 to implement this section.

19 SECTION 4. (a) Section 852.005, Government Code, as
20 amended by this Act:

21 (1) applies only with respect to a person who becomes
22 an employee of the Texas Municipal League on or after the effective
23 date of this Act; and

24 (2) does not affect the rights or benefits of a person
25 who, on the effective date of this Act, is a member, retiree,
26 annuitant, beneficiary, or alternate payee of the Texas Municipal
27 Retirement System.

1 (b) Notwithstanding the change in law made by this Act to
2 Section 852.005, Government Code, the Texas Municipal League shall
3 continue participation in the Texas Municipal Retirement System
4 only to the extent necessary to ensure the provision of retirement
5 and related disability and death benefits, as applicable, for
6 persons described by Subsection (a)(2) of this section.

7 (c) The board of trustees of the Texas Municipal Retirement
8 System shall adopt rules the board determines necessary to
9 implement this section.

10 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.