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H.B. No. 4540

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to certain benefits payable by the Judicial Retirement  
3 System of Texas Plan One and the Judicial Retirement System of Texas  
4 Plan Two.

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

6 SECTION 1. If the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023,  
7 enacts legislation that becomes law that increases the state salary  
8 used to compute the service retirement annuity of a judge under  
9 Section 834.102(a) or (c) or Section 839.102(a) or (c), Government  
10 Code, notwithstanding that legislation or any other law, including  
11 Section 311.025, Government Code, on the effective date of the  
12 salary increase, the Employees Retirement System of Texas shall  
13 recompute each annuity being paid under Section 834.102, 834.103,  
14 834.203, 834.301, 834.302, 839.102, 839.103, 839.203, 839.301, or  
15 839.302, Government Code, using the salary prescribed under Section  
16 659.012(b)(2) that is in effect on the effective date of the salary  
17 increase for the judge of a court of the same classification as the  
18 court on which the former member on whose service the annuity is  
19 based last served before the member retired or died, as applicable.  
20 This section applies only to an annuity payment that becomes  
21 payable on or after the effective date of this Act.

22 SECTION 2. (a) This section applies only:

23 (1) if the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023,  
24 does not enact legislation that becomes law that increases the

1 state salary used to compute the service retirement annuity of a  
2 judge under Section 834.102(a) or (c) or Section 839.102(a) or (c),  
3 Government Code;

4 (2) to an annuitant under the Judicial Retirement  
5 System of Texas Plan One or the Judicial Retirement System of Texas  
6 Plan Two who is eligible to receive:

7 (A) a service or disability retirement annuity  
8 under Section 834.102, 834.103, 834.203, 839.102, 839.103, or  
9 839.203, Government Code, that is based on an effective date of  
10 retirement that occurred before September 1, 2019; or

11 (B) a death benefit annuity under Section  
12 834.301, 834.302, 839.301, or 839.302, Government Code, that is  
13 based on a death that occurred before September 1, 2019; and

14 (3) to an annuity payment that becomes payable on or  
15 after the effective date of this Act.

16 (b) On the effective date of this Act, the Employees  
17 Retirement System of Texas shall recompute each annuity being paid  
18 an annuitant under Section 834.102, 834.103, 834.203, 834.301,  
19 834.302, 839.102, 839.103, 839.203, 839.301, or 839.302,  
20 Government Code, using the salary prescribed under Section  
21 659.012(b)(2) that was in effect on September 1, 2019, for the judge  
22 of a court of the same classification as the court on which the  
23 former member on whose service the annuity is based last served  
24 before the member retired or died, as applicable. This section  
25 applies only to an annuity payment that becomes payable on or after  
26 the effective date of this Act.

27 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.