

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 761
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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law requires six percent of a judge's salary to be taken out of the judge's paycheck to go towards the judge's retirement. When a judge retires and vests under the Judicial Retirement System, the judge is entitled to 60 percent of his or her salary from the state for life. A judge who has been on the bench for 20 years will not accrue any additional benefits or the six percent that the judge is contributing from pay beyond 20 years of service. C.S.S.B. 761 provides that a judge does not have to contribute six percent to the state once the judge attains 20 years of service on the bench.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 761 regulates a members contributions to the Judicial Retirement System of Texas Plan Two.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 840.102, Government Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (g), to require a judicial officer who is a member of the Judicial Retirement System (retirement system) to contribute six percent of the officer's state compensation to the retirement system each payroll period, except as provided by Subsection (g). Provides that a member who accrues 20 years of service credit in the retirement system ceases making contributions under this section but is considered a contributing member for all other purposes under this subtitle. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1.

Amends Section 840.102, Government Code, amending Subsection (a) and (g), to provide that a member who accrues 20 years of service credit in the retirement system ceases making contributions under this section but is considered a contributing member for all other purposes under this subtitle. Deletes proposed Section 835.101. Makes a conforming change.

SECTIONS 2-3. Redesignated from SECTIONS 3-4.