

CHAPTER 740

H.B. No. 1824

An Act relating to the authority of certain governmental entities to make deductions from employees' salaries to purchase annuities or investments for the employees.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 1A, Chapter 22, Acts of the 57th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 1962 (Article 6228a-5, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2 [1A]. (a) *If an employee of a governmental entity covered by Section 1 of this Act is paid by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the comptroller may take the action, in regard to that employee, that is authorized by Subsection (b) of this section. If an employee of a governmental entity covered by Section 1 is not paid by the comptroller, the governing board of the governmental entity may take the action in regard to that employee.*

(b) *The comptroller or the governing board, as the case may be, [Comptroller of Public Accounts] may reduce the salary of participants when authorized in writing and shall apply the amount of the reduction to the purchase of annuity contracts or to contributions to any type of investment authorized in Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as it existed on January 1, 1981, the exclusive control of which will vest in the participants.*

(c) *The employee is entitled to designate any agent, broker, or company through which the annuity or investment is to be purchased.*

SECTION 2. *The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.*

Passed by the House on May 1, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 17, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved: June 14, 1985

Effective: August 26, 1985