

CHAPTER 803

S.B. No. 482

An Act relating to the payment of suspense and trust fund warrants issued by the comptroller of public accounts; amending Subsection (a), Section 1, Chapter 96, Acts of the 53rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1953 (Article 4393b, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 1, Chapter 96, Acts of the 53rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1953 (Article 4393b, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

"(a) [:] Warrants issued by the Comptroller of Public Accounts in payment of refunds from any suspense or trust fund in the State Treasury, commonly known as Suspense and Trust Fund Refund Warrants, shall become void unless presented to the State Treasurer for payment within ~~two~~ ~~four~~ (4) years from the end of the fiscal year in which the warrant was issued. ~~[All such warrants now outstanding and unpaid according to the records of the State Treasurer and issued prior to September 1, 1948, shall be voided as of the effective date of this Act.]~~ The sums of money represented by such unpaid warrants that are voided in accordance with the provisions of this Section, shall be transferred by the Comptroller from the various Suspense Funds from which the warrants were originally issued to the General Revenue Fund of this State and shall become a part of that fund. Claims for the payment of such warrants voided under the provisions of this Act may be presented to the Legislature for appropriation to be made from which said warrants may be paid. Nothing in this Act shall affect in any way whatsoever the existing laws regulating the payment of other types or classes of warrants issued by the Comptroller of Public Accounts."

SECTION 2. *The change in law made by this Act applies only to a warrant issued on or after the effective date of this Act. A warrant issued before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect on the date of its issuance, and the former law is continued in effect for this purpose.*

SECTION 3. 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 the Senate on May 2, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 21, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved: June 15, 1985

Effective: Immediately