

CHAPTER 122

H.B. No. 1388

AN ACT

relating to the definition of a "benefit year" under the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act.

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

SECTION 1. Section 19(b)(4), Texas Unemployment Compensation Act (Article 5221b-17, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(4) "Benefit year," with respect to any individual means the period of fifty-two (52) consecutive calendar weeks beginning with the *effective date of* [~~day with respect to which~~] his first valid initial claim [~~is filed~~] and, thereafter, the period of fifty-two (52) consecutive calendar weeks beginning with the *effective date of* [~~day with respect to which~~] his next valid initial claim [~~is filed~~] after the termination of his last preceding benefit year.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993, and applies only to an initial claim for unemployment compensation benefits that is filed with the Texas Employment Commission on or after that date. An initial claim filed before that date is governed by the law in effect on the date that the claim was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that 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.

Passed by the House on March 25, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on April 30, 1993: Yeas 28, Nays 0.

Approved May 11, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.