

CHAPTER 707

H.B. No. 250

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of certain seasonal workers for unemployment compensation benefits.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7(c), Texas Unemployment Compensation Act (Article 5221b-5, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subdivision (9) to read as follows:

(9) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Act, an employer identified by the Commission as classified in the Standard Industrial Classification Manual as prepared by the office of management and budget, office of the President of the United States, as Number 0724 (cotton ginning), may elect to pay contributions at a total fixed rate of five and four-tenths percent (5.4%). Payment of contributions at the fixed rate is in lieu of the employer's liability to pay contributions based on the general tax rate otherwise applicable to that employer, together with any deficit tax rate, replenishment tax rate, or other tax rate otherwise applicable to that employer under this Act. To be eligible to pay the fixed rate, the employer must notify the Commission of the election in writing not later than December 31 of any year. The election is effective for the calendar year succeeding the year in which the election is made.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

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 May 19, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 27, 1987, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.