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AN ACT

relating to the expedited payment of the lump-sum death benefit for members of the Employees Retirement System of Texas.

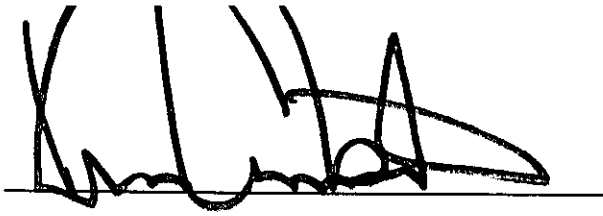
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 814.501(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A lump-sum death benefit in the amount of \$5,000 is payable if the board of trustees receives proof satisfactory to it of the death, on or after September 1, 1975, of a person retired under a retirement system administered by the board. The board by rule shall adopt procedures to provide for the payment of this benefit not later than the seventh day after the date the board receives the required proof of death.

SECTION 2. The board of trustees of the Employees Retirement System of Texas shall adopt the rules required by Section 814.501(a), Government Code, as amended by this Act, not later than November 1, 2005.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2005.



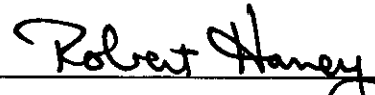
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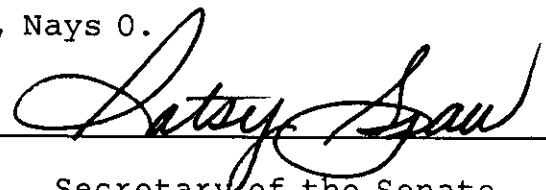
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 70 was passed by the House on April 5, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.



Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 70 was passed by the Senate on May 17, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.



Secretary of the Senate

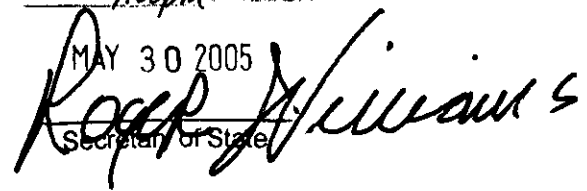
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