

Sec. 2. Article 5527, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, is amended¹⁰ to read as follows:

Art. 5527. What actions barred in four years

There shall be commenced and prosecuted within four years after the cause of action shall have accrued, and not afterward, all actions or suits in court of the following description:

1. Actions for debt.
2. Actions for the penalty or for damages on the penal clause of a bond to convey real estate.
3. Actions by one partner against his co-partner for a settlement of the partnership accounts, actions upon stated or open accounts, or upon mutual and current accounts concerning the trade of merchandise between merchant and merchant, their factors or agents; and the cause of action shall be considered as having accrued on a cessation of the dealings in which they were interested together.

Sec. 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 by the House on March 26, 1979, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 27, 1979: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 13, 1979.

Effective Aug. 27, 1979, 90 days after date of adjournment.

MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE—RATES—TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS—INCREASES

CHAPTER 717

H. B. No. 452

An Act relating to increases in motor vehicle insurance rates for certain violations.

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

Section 1. Chapter 5, Insurance Code, as amended, is amended by adding¹¹ Article 5.01—1 to read as follows:

Art. 5.01—1. Premium Rating Plans

A rating plan promulgated by the State Board of Insurance respecting the writing of motor vehicle insurance, other than insurance written pursuant to Section 35 of the Texas Motor Vehicle Safety-Responsibility Act (Article 6701h, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), may not assign any rate consequence to a charge or conviction, or otherwise cause premiums for motor vehicle insurance to be increased because of a charge or conviction for a violation of the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways, as amended (Article 6701d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

¹⁰ Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 5527

¹¹ V.A.T.S. Insurance Code, art. 5.01—1

Sec. 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 March 28, 1979: Yeas 112, Nays 12, 2 present, not voting; House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 452 on May 24, 1979: Yeas 128, Nays 13, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 24, 1979: Yeas 31, Nays 0.
Approved June 13, 1979.
Effective June 13, 1979.

STATE EMPLOYEES—LONGEVITY PAY

CHAPTER 718

H. B. No. 454

An Act relating to longevity pay for certain state employees.

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

Section 1.¹²

Except as provided by Chapter 477, Acts of the 64th Legislature, Regular Session, 1975 (Article 6252—20a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), each state employee covered by the Position Classification Act of 1961, each line item or exempt state employee, each regular full-time hourly employee of the state, and each regular full-time nonacademic employee of a state institution of higher education is entitled to longevity pay of a maximum of \$4 per month for each year of service as an employee of the state up to and including 25 years of service. Such longevity pay is to commence at the end of the fifth year and to be increased at the end of each five years thereafter.

Sec. 2. For the fiscal year ending August 31, 1980, there is appropriated \$12,200,000 from the General Revenue Fund and \$7,500,000 from special funds to the comptroller of public accounts; for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1981, there is appropriated \$13,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund and \$7,900,000 from special funds to the comptroller of public accounts. The comptroller of public accounts shall establish rules and procedures to administer this Act within the amounts specified above.

Sec. 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 1979.

Sec. 4. 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 26, 1979, by a non-record vote; House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 454 on May 28, 1979:

¹² Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 5812d.