

SUBJECT: Changing payment date for annuities from TRS

COMMITTEE: Pensions — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 7 ayes — Flynn, Alonzo, Hernandez, Klick, Paul, J. Rodriguez, Stephenson
0 nays

WITNESSES: For — Dwight Harris, Texas American Federation of Teachers; Timothy Lee, Texas Retired Teachers Association; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Josh Sanderson, Association of Texas Professional Educators; Ann Fickel, Texas Classroom Teachers Association)

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Brian Guthrie, Teacher Retirement System)

BACKGROUND: Government Code, sec. 824.003 states that monthly retirement benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) generally are due to be paid on the first working day of each month following the month for which the payment accrues.

When a month begins on a weekend or holiday annuity payments generally are not paid until after that weekend or holiday. This means that retirees who depend on those benefits must wait several days.

DIGEST: CSHB 2168 would amend Government Code, sec. 824.003 to specify that monthly annuity payments generally are due to be paid on the last working day of the month for which the payment accrues.

This bill would take effect September 1, 2015.