

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, there are two different calculation procedures used to determine retired judges' retirement plans. Under Plan One, retired judges receive a percentage of what current judges earn, and under Plan Two, they receive a percentage of their salary upon retirement. The inflexibility of adjusting retirement annuities could deter seasoned attorneys from entering the judiciary. This bill provides that the standard service retirement annuity for judges be adjusted from time to time.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 82 provides that the standard service retirement annuity for judges be adjusted from time to time.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 839.102(a) and (c), Government Code, to provide that the standard service retirement annuity be adjusted from time to time. Deletes text specifying that the annuity be paid to a judge upon retirement. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001, if the comptroller makes certain determinations. Authorizes the comptroller to make a determination earlier than the effective date of this Act, in which case the date of the earlier determination becomes the effective date of this Act. Requires the comptroller to file notice of the determination with the secretary of state for publication in the Texas Register. Provides that the change in law made to Section 839.102, Government Code, applies to certain annuities on or after the effective date.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.