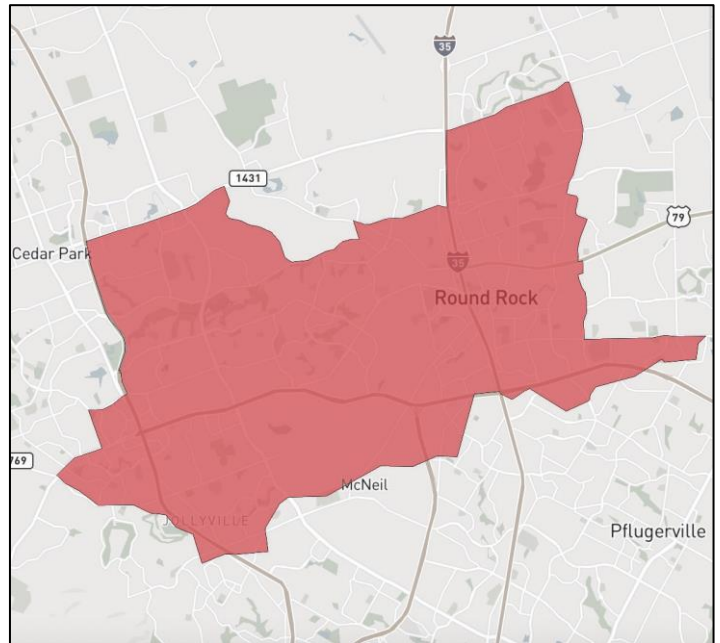


# A 13TH CHECK FOR RETIRED STATE WORKERS WOULD IMMEDIATELY HELP 2,617 ERS RETIREES IN THE **136TH HOUSE DISTRICT**

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ERS retirees have not had a 13th check from ERS or a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) since 2001. With rising prices and record inflation, it's become increasingly difficult for retirees to live on fixed incomes.

This year, Texas' budget surplus gives lawmakers a historic opportunity to provide a needed 13th check right away. It would provide immediate relief to retired state workers — and show current state employees that the Legislature is committed to their future.



Current state workers contributing to ERS:

- **3,968**

Retired state workers receiving ERS annuities:

- **2,617**

Total current and future ERS recipients:

- **6,585**

**A 13TH CHECK FOR RETIRED STATE WORKERS WOULD  
COST THE STATE ABOUT \$250 MILLION AND PROVIDE MULTIPLE ADVANTAGES  
AS WE WORK TOWARDS A LONG-TERM COLA:**

**A 13<sup>th</sup> check could:**

- Go to all retired State of Texas employees.
- Be funded today and distributed to retirees within months without impacting ERS' actuarial soundness.
- Be funded as an appropriation to ERS that is earmarked for retirees – just as has been done for retired teachers.

**ERS Retired State Workers** dedicated their careers to public service. They protected public safety, served vulnerable children and the elderly, and built the public infrastructure that allowed our state to grow and prosper.

**122,000:**

Retirees and beneficiaries  
receive pensions through ERS

**Under \$18,000:**

Average annual annuity for a  
recipient who retired in 2001

**22 years:**

Since retirees received their last  
benefit increase