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A Bill

SENATE BILL 169

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND CERTAIN BENEFIT PROGRAMS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND CERTAIN BENEFIT PROGRAMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-10-102(15), concerning the definition of an employee, is amended to read as follows:

(15)(A) "Employee" means any person regularly employed by a political subdivision who receives remuneration from the political subdivision for personal services rendered as a police officer or firefighter.

(B) "Employee" shall not include any person who acts for the political subdivision under contract or is paid on a fee basis.

(C) "Employee" shall include any person regularly employed by the administration of the system~~+~~.

(D) "Employee" shall include a person who is a current active firefighter or police officer member of the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System and is an instructor at the Arkansas Fire Training Academy or the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy on or after July 1, 2013;



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 24-10-102(28), concerning the definition of a political subdivision, is amended to read as follows:

(28) "Political subdivision" means:

- (A) Incorporated towns;
- (B) Cities of the first class;
- (C) Cities of the second class;
- (D) Counties;
- (E) Fire protection districts that maintain standards established by the board;
- (F) Rural fire protection corporations; ~~and~~
- (G) Suburban improvement districts;
- (H) The Arkansas Fire Training Academy; and
- (I) The Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy;

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 24-10-301(a), concerning membership in the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(6) A current active firefighter or police officer member of the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System employed as an instructor at the Arkansas Fire Training Academy or the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy on or after July 1, 2013.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 24-11-214(h), concerning the qualification by a municipality for participation in revenue distribution, is amended to add an additional subdivision read as follows:

(4) The Arkansas Fire Training Academy and the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy are not eligible for participation in the receipt of or funding with premium tax revenues.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the local police and fire retirement systems provide economic security for eligible citizens of Arkansas; that the statutes need amending to update and clarify existing law; and that these changes need to be made immediately. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the

preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

APPROVED: 03/28/2013