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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1203

By: Representative Warren

By: Senator Hickey

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE RETIREMENT OF MAYORS OF CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS; TO CLARIFY THAT A MAYOR OF A CITY OF THE FIRST CLASS IS ENTITLED TO APPLY PREVIOUS OR SUBSEQUENT YEARS OF SERVICE IN EMPLOYMENT WITH THE SAME CITY TOWARD THE MAYOR'S RETIREMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CLARIFY THAT A MAYOR OF A CITY OF THE FIRST CLASS IS ENTITLED TO COUNT PREVIOUS OR SUBSEQUENT YEARS OF SERVICE IN EMPLOYMENT WITH THE SAME CITY TOWARD THE MAYOR'S RETIREMENT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-12-123(a)(3), concerning the retirement of mayors of cities of the first class, is amended to read as follows:

(3) However, a mayor who has served as an elected official or employee of that city prior to or after the person's service as mayor shall count his or her service as an elected official or employee of that city towards the mayor's retirement as follows:

(A)~~(i)~~ At the rate of one (1) year of a mayor's retirement for each two (2) years served as an elected official or an employee of that city up to a maximum of an additional two (2) years' credit towards a mayor's retirement benefit;



~~(ii)~~(B) If authorized by a city ordinance, at the rate of one (1) year of a mayor's retirement benefit for each two (2) years served as an elected official or an employee of that city up to a maximum of three (3) additional years' credit towards a mayor's retirement benefit if the person has not fewer than twenty (20) years of mayor's credit and is at least fifty-two (52) years of age; or

~~(iii)~~(C) If authorized by a city ordinance, at the rate of one (1) year of a mayor's retirement benefit for each two (2) years served as an elected official or an employee of that city up to a maximum of four (4) additional years' credit towards a mayor's retirement benefit if the person has not fewer than twenty (20) years of mayor's credit and is at least fifty-four (54) years of age; and

~~(B) Service as an elected official or as an employee of the city that is also covered under another retirement plan offered by the city or that is covered by another benefit provided for by law shall not be applied towards the mayor's retirement benefits provided for under this section.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 24-12-123, concerning the retirement of mayors of cities of the first class, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(e) Under § 14-42-117, a mayor who receives a retirement benefit from a city under this section shall not be entitled to any retirement benefit based upon service for the same period from any other state authorized plan.

/s/Warren

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