

SENATE AMENDMENT 1 TO sb404.

deleting line 5 on page 1 and substituting therefor the following: "By: Senator Hopkins"

and

by deleting lines 9 through 12 on page 1 and substituting therefor the following:

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 24-10-506 PERTAINING TO THE PURCHASE OF CREDITED SERVICE IN THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

and

by deleting lines 15 through 18 on page 1 and substituting therefor the following:

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 24-10-506 PERTAINING TO THE PURCHASE OF CREDITED SERVICE IN THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM."

and

by deleting Section 1 and substituting therefor the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 24-10-506 is amended to read as follows:

§ 24-10-506. Other local police and fire service.

(a) Any member of the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System who has employment service with a local government covered by a municipal police pension and relief fund, § 24-11-401 et seq., or a municipal firemen's pension and relief fund, § 24-11-801 et seq., shall be entitled to purchase credited service in the system equivalent to the amount of credited service he or she has with the local police or fire department up to a maximum of five (5) years of credited service, provided that the member contributes to the system an amount, ~~as the board shall determine,~~ equivalent to (1) the amount the member's contribution and would have been for the years of credited service, plus (2) the amount the employer's contributions would have been for the years of credited service, (3) plus regular interest from the time of the service with each contribution would have been made to the local police or fire department to the time of the credit purchase.

(b) The board shall have the authority to make the final determination as to (1) the length of purchased service credit and as to (2) the amount of the member and employer contributions would have been for the years of credited service, which amount is ~~, plus regular interest,~~ to be paid into the system for the purchased service and as to (3) the amount of regular interest to be charged.

(c) Service credit purchased under this section may be used to determine the member's total credited service for the amount upon retirement and shall not be used to determine his or her final average pay for service under the system."

and

by inserting an additional section immediately following Section 4 to read as follows:

"SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the present law pertaining to the purchase of credited service in the Local Police and Fire Retirement System by members who have prior service with a local government covered by a municipal police or fireman s pension fund is being misinterpreted; that such misinterpretation is resulting in an overcharge to members for the purchase of that prior service; that this act clarifies that law; that until this act goes into effect confusion will continue and persons seeking to purchase the former service will continue to be overcharged; and therefore this act should go into effect as soon as possible. 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 the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides the veto.