

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 72

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MEMBER DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS WITHIN THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MEMBER DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS WITHIN THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-10-407(d), concerning income-expense accounts, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1)(A) At the end of each system fiscal year, the board shall credit each member's individual account in the members' deposit account with regular interest on the average balance in the account for the fiscal year.

(B) Beginning July 1, 2013, the board shall cease awarding interest to the members' deposit account.

(2) At the end of each system fiscal year, the board shall credit to each account in the employer accumulation account regular interest on the average balance in the account for the fiscal year and similarly shall credit regular interest to the retirement reserve account.

(3) The regular interest shall be transferred from the income-expense account.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 24-10-613(a), concerning disposition of



accumulated contributions, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) If a retirant and his or her eligible beneficiary, if any, both die before they have received in annuity payments a total amount equal to the accumulated contributions, ~~including any interest credits~~ standing to the retirant's credit in the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System at the time of his or her retirement, the difference between the accumulated contributions and the total amount of annuities received by them shall be paid to the persons the retirant nominated by written designation duly executed and filed with the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System.

(2) If no designated person survives the retirant and his or her beneficiary, the difference shall be paid to the estate of the survivor of the retirant and his or her beneficiary.

SECTION 3. 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.