

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1188

By: Representative Vaught

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND RETIREMENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM; TO AMEND RETIREMENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; TO AMEND RETIREMENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM; TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS UNDER THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; TO AMEND THE RETIREMENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND RETIREMENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS UNDER VARIOUS PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS FOR CERTAIN POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS, PUBLIC SAFETY MEMBERS, AND SHERIFFS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-1-101(29)(D), concerning the definition of "normal retirement age" as it applies to a noncontributory member with credited service for employment as a public safety employee or as a sheriff under the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System, is amended to read as follows:



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(D)(i) For a noncontributory member with credited service for employment as a public safety employee or as a sheriff, age sixty-five (65) years reduced by one (1) month for each two (2) months of such credited service, but in no event to an age younger than fifty-five (55) years of age, except in the case of a sheriff who has a minimum of ten (10) years of actual service as a sheriff or who has eight (8) years of actual service as a sheriff and a minimum of two (2) years of service in another state-supported retirement system, for whom the minimum retirement age shall be fifty-two (52) years of age; or

(ii) The age upon completion of:

(a) Twenty-seven (27) years of credited service, if the member retires after December 31, 2025, and before January 1, 2027;

(b) Twenty-six (26) years of credited service, if the member retires after December 31, 2026, and before January 1, 2028; or

(c) Twenty-five (25) years of credited service, if the member retires on January 1, 2028, or later;