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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1276

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING SPOUSAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS OF CITY ATTORNEYS OF CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS AND CITIES OF THE SECOND CLASS, DEPUTY CITY CLERKS IN CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS, MAYORS IN CITIES OF THE SECOND CLASS, AND TREASURERS IN CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING SPOUSAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS
FOR SPOUSES OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL
EMPLOYEES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-12-120, concerning retirement benefits for city attorneys in cities of the first class and cities of the second class, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(d)(1) Upon the death of a city attorney who retired under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section or a city attorney who dies in office after becoming eligible to retire under subsection (a) of this section or any other state statute, the legally recognized spouse of the city attorney married to the city attorney for ten (10) years or longer may receive, at the option of the governing body of the city:

(A) One-half (1/2) of the retirement benefit the retired city attorney was receiving; or

(B) One-half (1/2) of the retirement benefit the city attorney who died in office was entitled to receive.



(2) Upon remarriage of the spouse, the benefits shall cease.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 24-12-122, concerning retirement benefits for deputy city clerks in cities of the first class, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(c)(1) Upon the death of a deputy city clerk who retired under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section or a deputy city clerk who dies in office after becoming eligible to retire under subsection (a) of this section or any other state statute, the legally recognized spouse of the deputy city clerk married to the deputy city clerk for ten (10) years or longer may receive, at the option of the governing body of the city:

(A) One-half (1/2) of the retirement benefit the retired deputy city clerk was receiving; or

(B) One-half (1/2) of the retirement benefit the deputy city clerk who died in office was entitled to receive.

(2) Upon remarriage of the spouse, the benefits shall cease.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 24-12-124, concerning retirement benefits for mayors in cities of the second class, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(d)(1) Upon the death of a mayor who retired under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section or a mayor who dies in office after becoming eligible to retire under subsection (a) of this section or any other state statute, the legally recognized spouse of the mayor married to the mayor for ten (10) years or longer may receive, at the option of the governing body of the city:

(A) One-half (1/2) of the retirement benefit the retired mayor was receiving; or

(B) One-half (1/2) of the retirement benefit the mayor who died in office was entitled to receive.

(2) Upon remarriage of the spouse, the benefits shall cease.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 24-12-125, concerning retirement benefits for treasurers in cities of the first class, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(c)(1) Upon the death of a treasurer who retired under the provisions

of subsection (a) of this section or a treasurer who dies in office after becoming eligible to retire under subsection (a) of this section or any other state statute, the legally recognized spouse of the treasurer married to the treasurer for ten (10) years or longer may receive, at the option of the governing body of the city:

(A) One-half (1/2) of the retirement benefit the retired treasurer was receiving; or

(B) One-half (1/2) of the retirement benefit the treasurer who died in office was entitled to receive.

(2) Upon remarriage of the spouse, the benefits shall cease.