

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 8 OF ACT 250 OF 1937, AS AMENDED, [ARK. STAT. 19-1808] TO ALLOW A BENEFIT UNDER THE POLICE PENSION AND RELIEF FUND TO CERTAIN PERSONS WHO MARRY A RETIRED POLICE OFFICER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 8 of Act 250 of 1937, as amended, the same being Arkansas Statutes 19-1808, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 8. (A) If any active police officer shall die or if any retired member dies from any cause, leaving a surviving spouse or child or children under the age of eighteen (18) years, then the Board of Trustees shall direct a monthly pension during his/her life in an amount equal to the pension attached to the rank of the deceased police officer at the time of his/her death, but in no event shall the benefit of the surviving spouse be less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per month. Should the police officer leave no surviving spouse or children, but a dependent parent, the Board shall pay him/her the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) monthly, as long as he/she remains unmarried. The minimum benefit provided herein shall be paid to all qualified survivors regardless of whether they were already receiving benefits or become eligible for the first time after June 17, 1981. Provided, that if any police officer marries after retirement, that surviving spouse shall be entitled to a pension under this Act if he/she has been married to the police officer for a period of at least ten years, and if the actuarial soundness of the fund will not be adversely affected. If any police officer who retired after June 12, 1964 and before June 20, 1964 marries after retirement, that surviving spouse shall be entitled to a pension under this Act if he or she has been married to the police officer for a period of at least two (2) years, and if the actuarial soundness of the fund will not be adversely affected.

(B) In addition to the above monthly pension the Board of Trustees shall order and direct the payment of the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) per month to each child under eighteen (18) years of age who has not completed high school; provided, that, if such child enrolls in an institution of higher learning after completing high school, such payment shall continue as long as the child is a full-time student but in no instance beyond the child's twenty-third (23rd) birthday. The sum total of the pension to be paid the widow/widower and/or the qualifying child or children of the deceased police officer shall not exceed one-half (1/2) of the salary attached to the rank said police officer held at the time of his/her death. Provided, further, that if any widow/widower, child or children shall marry, then such person shall thereafter receive no further pension under this Act."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

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