

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Senator Hoofman**

A Bill

SENATE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 24-8-215 TO CHANGE FROM
9 TEN (10) YEARS TO TWELVE (12) YEARS THE ARKANSAS JUDICIAL
10 RETIREMENT SYSTEMS REQUIREMENT FOR AN ACTIVE MEMBER TO
11 RETIRE AT AGE SIXTY-FIVE (65) AND TO CHANGE THE VOLUNTARY
12 RETIREMENT TIME FROM TWENTY (20) YEARS TO TWENTY-FOUR (24)
13 YEARS OF SERVICE REGARDLESS OF AGE SO SERVICE TIMES WILL
14 MORE CLOSELY COINCIDE WITH THE LENGTH OF JUDICIAL TERMS OF
15 OFFICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-8-215 is hereby amended to read as
20 follows:

21 "24-8-215. Eligibility for benefits - Retirement generally.

22 (a) Any active member with a minimum of twelve (12) years of credited
23 service may voluntarily retire upon reaching sixty-five (65) years of age or
24 thereafter upon filing a written application with the board.

25 (b) Any other member who has a minimum of twenty-four (24) years of
26 credited service may retire regardless of age, and any judge or justice who
27 has served at least fourteen (14) years shall be eligible for benefits upon
28 reaching age sixty-five (65) years.

29 (c)(1) Any judge or justice who becomes seventy (70) years of age
30 during a term of office to which he has been elected may complete the term
31 without forfeiting his rights to retirement benefits under this section.

32 (2) Otherwise, judges or justices must retire by their seventieth
33 birthday or lose their retirement benefits. However, any active judge or
34 justice who was serving prior to July 1, 1965, may continue to serve until any
35 age and shall, upon retirement, be eligible to receive retirement benefits.

1 (d) In all cases of age and service retirement for judges or justices
2 elected after July 1, 1983, the member must have a minimum of eight (8) years
3 of actual service as a Justice of the Supreme Court or a judge of the circuit
4 or chancery courts or of the Court of Appeals.

5 (e) The provisions of this section shall be accumulative to all present
6 laws pertaining to the retirement of judges of the circuit and chancery courts
7 and of Justices of the Supreme Court and shall in no way repeal, amend, or
8 modify such laws except as otherwise specifically provided in this section."

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10 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature
11 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
12 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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14 SECTION 3. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to
15 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect
16 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
17 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this
18 act are declared to be severable.

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20 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
21 hereby repealed.

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