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1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Representative McGinnis**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1104

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 10-2-115 TO PERMIT THE
9 THIRTY (30) DAY DEADLINE FOR INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
10 AFFECTING PUBLIC RETIREMENT PROGRAMS TO BE EXTENDED UPON
11 THE OCCURRENCE OF CERTAIN EVENTS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "AN ACT TO PERMIT THE EXTENSION OF THE 30-DAY INTRODUCTION
15 DEADLINE FOR BILLS AFFECTING PUBLIC RETIREMENT PROGRAMS."
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code §10-2-115 is hereby amended to read as
21 follows:

22 "10-2-115. Introduction of bills affecting public retirement programs.

23 (a) Any proposed legislation affecting any publicly supported
24 retirement system or pension plan to be considered by the General Assembly at
25 a regular biennial session shall be introduced in the General Assembly during
26 the first thirty (30) calendar days of a regular biennial session.

27 (b)(1) No such bill shall be introduced after the thirtieth day of a
28 regular biennial session unless its introduction is first approved by a three-
29 fourths (3/4) vote of the full membership of each house of the General
30 Assembly.

31 (2) Additionally, if during the first thirty (30) days of the
32 regular biennial session, the General Assembly recesses for longer than three
33 (3) consecutive days, the thirty (30) day introduction deadline *shall* be
34 extended for a time period equal to the recess.

35 (c) A bill affecting any publicly supported retirement system or

1 systems shall not be introduced or considered at any special session of the
2 General Assembly unless the introduction and consideration of the bill is
3 first approved by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the full membership of each
4 house of the General Assembly."

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

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

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

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19 SECTION 5. Emergency. It is hereby found and determined by the
20 Seventy-Ninth General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that Arkansas law
21 provides for a thirty (30) day deadline for the introduction of bills
22 affecting the public retirement programs; that under certain circumstances and
23 in emergencies, the General Assembly may be required to recess for an extended
24 period during the first 30 days of any Regular Session; and that proper
25 consideration of any bills affecting public retirement programs will require
26 the extension of the thirty (30) day deadline. Therefore, in order to provide
27 a procedure to suspend the 30-day introduction deadline, an emergency is
28 hereby declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the immediate
29 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, shall be in full force
30 and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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/s/Rep. McGinnis

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