

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

A Bill

SENATE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIAL RETIREMENT
9 SYSTEM, RETIRING UNDER SUCH SYSTEM, SHALL RECEIVE AN
10 ANNUAL RETIREMENT BENEFIT EQUIVALENT TO SIXTY PERCENT
11 (60%) OF THE ANNUAL SALARY PAYABLE TO THE JUDICIAL OFFICE
12 LAST HELD; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

16 "AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL RETIREMENT BENEFIT FOR
17 MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM."

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

21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code §24-8-218(a) is amended to read as follows:

22 "(a) The retirement benefits to be paid an eligible and qualified
23 member under the provisions of this subchapter shall be sixty percent (60%) of
24 the annual salary payable to the last judicial office held and shall be
25 payable for the recipient's life."

27 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code §24-8-208(b) is amended to read as follows:

28 "(b) The maximum retirement benefit to be received by the Director of
29 the Administrative Office of the Courts shall be sixty percent (60%) of the
30 annual salary fixed by law for the office."

32 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
33 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
34 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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1 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
2 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
3 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
4 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
5 act are declared to be severable.

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7 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
8 hereby repealed.

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10 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
11 Seventy-Ninth General Assembly that it is becoming increasingly difficult to
12 attract well-trained members of the Arkansas Bar to the bench; that liberal
13 retirement benefits are conducive to attracting and retaining capable judges
14 to serve upon the courts of this state; and, that in order to reward the
15 judges for their loyal service and to attract talented people to serve, it is
16 necessary that this act become effective immediately. Therefore, an emergency
17 is hereby declared to exist and this act being necessary for the immediate
18 preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and
19 effect from and after its passage and approval.

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