

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1177

5 By: Representative L. Prater  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A SURVIVOR BENEFIT IN THE  
10 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE  
11 SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A CONTRIBUTORY MEMBER OF THE  
12 GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

14 TO PROVIDE FOR A SURVIVOR BENEFIT IN THE  
15 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR  
16 THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A CONTRIBUTORY  
17 MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-4-704, concerning a survivor's benefit  
24 in the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System, is amended to add an  
25 additional subsection to read as follows:

26 (c)(1) The surviving spouse of any former contributory member of the  
27 General Assembly who had eight (8) years of credited service in the Arkansas  
28 Public Employees' Retirement System before January 1, 1971, is entitled to a  
29 B-75 option benefit provided the surviving spouse was married to the former  
30 member for at least one (1) year at the time of his or her death, and the  
31 surviving spouse pays to the system all employee contributions at the rate  
32 and on the compensation that would have been paid had the deceased been a  
33 member of the system during that period of time, all employer contributions  
34 based on the employer normal cost from the most recently completed regular  
35 annual actuarial valuation and compensation that would have been paid had he  
36 been a member during that time, and regular interest on the employee and



1 employer contributions computed from the date the service would have been  
2 rendered to the date the payment is received by the system.

3 (2) The surviving spouse shall apply to the board of trustees in  
4 a manner prescribed by the board.

5 (3) The benefit shall begin upon receipt of the application and  
6 the payment determined by the actuary.

7 (4) The benefit payment shall not be retroactive.

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9 /s/ L. Prater

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