

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.

1 State of Arkansas
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 112

4
5 By: Senator Horn
6 By: Representative Haak

For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT AN ELECTED COUNTY CORONER
11 MAY BECOME A MEMBER OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC
12 EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; TO ALLOW THE
13 PURCHASE OF SERVICE CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS SERVICE
14 AS A COUNTY CORONER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 TO PROVIDE THAT AN ELECTED COUNTY
17 CORONER MAY BECOME A MEMBER OF THE
18 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND
19 TO ALLOW THE PURCHASE OF SERVICE CREDIT
20 FOR PREVIOUS COUNTY SERVICE.

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

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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 24, Chapter 4, Subchapter 7, is amended
27 to add an additional section to read as follows:

28 24-4-749. Elected county official membership.

29 (a)(1) Beginning January 1, 2004, an elected county coroner who is
30 unqualified for membership in the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement
31 System because the coroner is not employed full time, or because the
32 coroner's salary is inadequate to qualify as a member, shall be eligible to
33 become a member of the system and receive service credit for service as an
34 elected county official.

35 (2) The limits on the term "employee" under § 24-4-
36 101(17)(B)(viii) and (ix) shall not apply to a person holding the office of



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1 county coroner.

2 (b)(1) An elected county coroner may receive service credit for past
 3 service as a county coroner if the coroner pays or causes to be paid:

4 (A) The employee contributions at the rate of compensation
 5 that would have been paid as a system member during that time;

6 (B) Employer contributions based on the normal employer
 7 cost from the most recently completed regular annual actuarial valuation and
 8 the compensation that would have been paid had the person been a member
 9 during that time; and

10 (C) Regular interest on the employee and employer
 11 contributions.

12 (2) Interest shall be computed from the date the service was
 13 rendered to the date the payment is received by the system.

14 (3) Except subject to the limits of subdivision (b)(4) of this
 15 section, the elected county coroner may purchase all of the service or any
 16 portion in multiples of one (1) year.

17 (4) An elected county coroner who elects to restore credited
 18 service under this section shall be limited to receiving credited service in
 19 the system for up to ten (10) years of the prior coroner service credit.

20 (c)(1) Upon reaching the normal retirement age, an elected county
 21 coroner is eligible for a monthly retirement benefit under this chapter.

22 (2) The county coroner's benefit shall be the higher of:

23 (A) A monthly annuity calculated on the coroner's rate of
 24 pay at the time of separation from covered employment; or

25 (B) A monthly annuity equal to ten dollars (\$10.00)
 26 multiplied by the number of years of actual service and purchased actual
 27 service as an elected county coroner.

28 (3) In calculating the final average compensation for an elected
 29 county coroner, the limits in the term "final average compensation" under §
 30 24-4-101(18) shall not apply to the salary for the office of county coroner.

31 (d) The Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement
 32 System shall have the authority to promulgate any necessary forms for
 33 application to grant service credit for the county coroners and to restore
 34 the service and reasonable rules and regulations to implement this section.