

1 State of Arkansas  
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4

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 169

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS LOCAL  
9 POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND CERTAIN BENEFIT  
10 PROGRAMS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS  
15 LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
16 AND CERTAIN BENEFIT PROGRAMS.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-10-102(15), concerning the definition of  
23 an employee, is amended to read as follows:

24 (15)(A) "Employee" means any person regularly employed by a  
25 political subdivision who receives remuneration from the political  
26 subdivision for personal services rendered as a police officer or  
27 firefighter.

28 (B) "Employee" shall not include any person who acts for  
29 the political subdivision under contract or is paid on a fee basis.

30 (C) "Employee" shall include any person regularly employed  
31 by the administration of the system+.

32 (D) "Employee" shall include a person who is a current  
33 active firefighter or police officer member of the Arkansas Local Police and  
34 Fire Retirement System and is an instructor at the Arkansas Fire Training  
35 Academy or the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy on or after July 1,  
36 2013;



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2 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 24-10-102(28), concerning the definition of  
3 a political subdivision, is amended to read as follows:

4 (28) "Political subdivision" means:

- 5 (A) Incorporated towns;  
6 (B) Cities of the first class;  
7 (C) Cities of the second class;  
8 (D) Counties;  
9 (E) Fire protection districts that maintain standards  
10 established by the board;  
11 (F) Rural fire protection corporations; ~~and~~  
12 (G) Suburban improvement districts;  
13 (H) The Arkansas Fire Training Academy; and  
14 (I) The Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy;  
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16 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 24-10-301(a), concerning membership in the  
17 Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System, is amended to add an  
18 additional subdivision to read as follows:

19 (6) A current active firefighter or police officer member of the  
20 Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System employed as an instructor at  
21 the Arkansas Fire Training Academy or the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training  
22 Academy on or after July 1, 2013.  
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24 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 24-11-214(h), concerning the qualification  
25 by a municipality for participation in revenue distribution, is amended to  
26 add an additional subdivision read as follows:

27 (4) The Arkansas Fire Training Academy and the Arkansas Law  
28 Enforcement Training Academy are not eligible for participation in the  
29 receipt of or funding with premium tax revenues.  
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31 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
32 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the local police and fire  
33 retirement systems provide economic security for eligible citizens of  
34 Arkansas; that the statutes need amending to update and clarify existing law;  
35 and that these changes need to be made immediately. Therefore, an emergency  
36 is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the

1 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective  
2 on:

3 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

4 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
5 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
6 bill; or

7 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
8 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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