

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ACT 393 OF 1969, AS AMENDED [ARK. STAT. 19-1718], TO AUTHORIZE CITIES WITH POPULATIONS OF OVER 70,000 CITIZENS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SICK LEAVE OPTIONS FOR FIRE FIGHTERS."

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Act 393 of 1969, as amended, the same being Arkansas Statute Section 19-1718 (Supp. 1985), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. (a) From and after the effective date of this Act, all fire fighters employed by cities of the first and second class and law enforcement officers (regardless of their titles, such as city marshal) employed by cities of the first and second class or incorporated towns shall accumulate sick leave at the rate of twenty (20) working days per year beginning one (1) year after the date of employment. Provided that, if unused, sick leave shall accumulate to a maximum of sixty (60) days, unless the city by ordinance authorizes the accumulation of a greater amount but in no event to exceed a maximum accumulation of ninety (90) days, except for purpose of computing years of service for retirement purposes.

(b) Cities with populations of over 70,000 citizens shall have the option of providing sick leave for fire fighters to accumulate at a rate of fifteen (15) working days per year beginning with the date of employment and decreasing to twelve (12) working days beginning four (4) years after employment. Unused sick leave shall accumulate to fire fighters provided with fifteen (15) and twelve (12) working days per year sick leave to a maximum of one hundred (100) days."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

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