1 State of Arkansas

## 2 78th General Assembly

## **A BillACT 234 OF 1991**

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4 By: Representative B. Wood

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24, CHAPTER 4, SUBCHAPTER 2 OF THE

9 ARKANSAS CODE OF 1987 TO CHANGE THE PROCEDURE FOR

10 IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES ACCESS ON LATE REMITTANCES BY

11 PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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- SECTION 1. Arkansas Code §24-4-203 is hereby amended to read as
- 16 follows:
- 17 "24-4-203. Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System Fund Penalties
- 18 for delinquency.
- 19 (a) (1) Beginning July 1, 1991, if any participating public employer
- 20 fails to remit to the system those moneys which are required by law or
- 21 regulation by the tenth day of the month in which the moneys are due, then the
- 22 system shall impose a penalty of six percent (6%) interest on an annual basis
- 23 on the moneys due. This interest shall be computed on the actual days of
- 24 delinquency and shall be paid to the system for the purpose of reimbursing the
- 25 trust fund for the money which would have been earned on the moneys had they
- 26 been paid when due. For purposes of this section, an employer's remittance
- 27 shall not be considered delinquent if received by the system by the tenth day
- 28 or postmarked no later than the ninth day of the month in which the payment
- 29 is due.
- 30 (2) The interest penalty shall be determined by the system on the
- 31 date the delinquent funds are received, and a statement of the interest shall
- 32 be sent to the participating public employer.
- 33 (3) If the interest penalty or delinquent moneys are not received
- 34 by the system by the last business day of the month in which the moneys were
- 35 originally due, then the system shall cause the sums of moneys, including
- 36 interest, to be transferred from any moneys due the participating public

- 6 one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) for each time the report is late.

5 month in which the report is due, then the system shall impose a penalty of

- 7 For purposes of this section, the retirement report will not be considered
- 8 late if received by the system by the tenth day of the month or postmarked no
- 9 later than the ninth day of the month in which the report is due.
- 10 (2) A statement of the penalty shall be sent to the participating 11 employer. If the penalty is not received by the last business day of the month
- 12 in which the report was due, then the system shall cause the penalty amount to
- 13 be transferred from any moneys due the participating public employer from the
- 14 office of the Treasurer of State or the Department of Education as provided in
- 15 19-5-106(a)(5).
- 16 (3) The penalty amounts collected shall be deposited to the
- 17 credit of the administrative funds of the system to help defray the cost of
- 18 the additional expenses incurred due to the additional work required to
- 19 process late reports."

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- 21 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
- 22 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
- 23 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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- 25 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
- 26 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
- 27 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
- 28 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
- 29 act are declared to be severable.

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- 31 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
- 32 hereby repealed.

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