

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  
2 84th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2003  
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As Engrossed: H3/11/03

# A Bill

Act 777 of 2003  
HOUSE BILL 1229

5 By: Representative R. Smith  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8  
9 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ANNUITY AMOUNTS FOR  
10 RETIREES UNDER THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE  
11 RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ANNUITY AMOUNTS  
15 FOR RETIREES UNDER THE ARKANSAS LOCAL  
16 POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-10-602(a)(5), concerning the annuity  
22 options for the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System, is amended  
23 to read as follows:

24 (5)(A) For retirements effective before July 1, ~~2001~~ 2003,  
25 annuity amounts based upon volunteer service shall be in accordance with  
26 system provisions in force before July 1, ~~2001~~ 2003.

27 (B)(i) For retirements effective July 1, ~~2001~~ 2003, and  
28 the twelve (12) calendar months thereafter, the monthly annuity amount for  
29 each year of volunteer service shall be ~~four dollars (\$4.00)~~ five dollars  
30 (\$5.00), to a maximum of ~~one hundred sixty dollars (\$160)~~ two hundred dollars  
31 (\$200) monthly for all volunteer service.

32 (ii) For retirements effective in the twelve (12)  
33 calendar months beginning July 1 thereafter, the monthly annuity amount for  
34 each year of volunteer service shall be ~~four dollars (\$4.00)~~ five dollars  
35 (\$5.00), increased by any percentage increase in the inflation index for the  
36 period from December ~~2001~~ 2003 to the December immediately preceding the July



1 *l, to a maximum for all volunteer service of ~~one hundred sixty dollars (\$160)~~*  
2 *two hundred dollars (\$200) monthly, similarly increased by any percentage*  
3 *increase in the inflation index.*

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5 *SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the*  
6 *General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the benefits for members of*  
7 *the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System are inadequate; that the*  
8 *benefits should be increased to continue to motivate the emergency service*  
9 *employees of our local governments; that the most beneficial time to increase*  
10 *the benefits is during the beginning of the state fiscal year; and this act*  
11 *is necessary to take effect at that time. Therefore, an emergency is declared*  
12 *to exist and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public*  
13 *peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2003.*

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15 */s/ R. Smith*

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18 *APPROVED: 3/27/2003*

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