

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 88th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2011
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 155

5 By: Senator Elliott
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT THE LONGEVITY BENEFITS PROVIDED
9 TO RETIREES UNDER THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE PENSION
10 AND RELIEF FUNDS EXTEND TO THE RETIREE'S SURVIVING
11 SPOUSE AFTER THE RETIREE'S DEATH; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 BENEFITS PROVIDED TO RETIREES UNDER THE
16 LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE PENSION AND RELIEF
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18 AFTER THE RETIREE'S DEATH.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-11-422, concerning increased benefits
25 for longevity, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

26 (d) The increase in benefit levels provided in this section for
27 service beyond twenty (20) years shall also apply to the surviving spouse of
28 a police officer who dies from any cause on or after July 1, 2011.
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30 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
31 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that police officers put their
32 lives on the line to protect the citizens of their communities to the
33 detriment of their spouses; that the cost of living has increased; that the
34 fiscal year for retirement systems begins on July 1; that there is currently
35 a discrepancy in whether the surviving spouse of a police officer will
36 receive the increase in supplemental payments; and that clarity is needed on



1 this issue. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being
2 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall
3 become effective on July 1, 2011.

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