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A Bill

SENATE BILL 169

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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