

HOUSE AMENDMENT 1 TO hb1691.

deleting everything in the Title on lines 9 through 12 of page 1 and substituting therefor the new Title as follows: "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 24-11-820 TO ALLOW THE SPOUSE OF A RETIRED FIREFIGHTER OR A SPOUSE'S CHILDREN TO RECEIVE RETIREMENT DEATH BENEFITS IF THEY ARE MARRIED FOR MORE THAN TWO (2) YEARS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";

AND

by deleting everything in the Subtitle on lines 15 through 19 of page 1 and substituting therefor the new Subtitle as follows: "TO ALLOW THE SPOUSE OF A FIREFIGHTER OR A SPOUSE'S CHILDREN TO RECEIVE RETIREMENT DEATH BENEFITS IF THEY ARE MARRIED FOR MORE THAN TWO (2) YEARS.";

and

by deleting everything in SECTION 1. on lines 23 through 25 of page 1 and substituting therefor a new SECTION. 1. as follows:

"SECTION 1. Subsection (b) of Arkansas Code § 24-11-820 is amended to read as follows:

"(b) (1) In addition to the monthly pension provided in subsection (a) of this section, the board of trustees may order and direct the payment of, in the case of volunteer or part-paid fire fighters, the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per month for each child under nineteen (19) years of age who has not completed high school and, in the case of full-paid fire fighters, the sum of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) per month for each child under nineteen (19) years of age who has not completed high school.

(2) If there is no eligible spouse at the time of the member's death, then the total sums shall be paid to his children until they shall have reached nineteen (19) years of age or until the children have completed high school, whichever occurs first.

(3) The sum total of the pension to be paid the spouse or the qualifying children of volunteer or part-paid fire fighters shall not exceed one-half (1/2) of the salary attached to the rank the member held at the time of his death as an active member of a volunteer or part-paid fire department, nor shall it be less than thirty dollars (\$30.00) per month.

(4) If any spouse or child shall marry, then the person so marrying shall thereafter receive no further pension from the funds provided for the operations of this act.

(5) If any retired fire fighter shall marry after his retirement and shall have been married for less than two (2) years, the spouse, or that spouse's children, shall not receive benefits from the funds.";

AND

by inserting on line 27 of page 1 the new SECTIONs as follow:

"SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature are

amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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