

**Hall of the House of Representatives**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 1210**

"TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO VEST IN THE ARKANSAS  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM WITH FIVE (5) YEARS OF ACTUAL  
SERVICE."

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**Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1210.**

Amend House Bill No. 1210 as originally introduced:

Immediately following SECTION 7, add additional sections to read as follows:

"SECTION 8. Arkansas Code Title 24, Chapter 4, Subchapter 7 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

24-4-749. Eligibility for benefits - Members of the General Assembly.

(a) A member of the General Assembly is eligible for a benefit from the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System when the member has five (5) or more years of actual service as provided in §§ 24-4-101(28), 24-4-301(a), 24-4-508(a), 24-4-510, 24-4-511(a), 24-4-521(b)(4), and 24-4-710.

(b) The provisions of this section and §§ 24-4-101(28), 24-4-301(a), 24-4-508(a), 24-4-510, 24-4-511(a), 24-4-521(b)(4), and 24-4-710 shall apply to any person serving as a member of the General Assembly on or after July 1, 1997.

SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that since July 1, 1997, state employees who are members of the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System are eligible for benefits after five (5) years of actual service; that members of the General Assembly must have ten (10) years of actual service before they are eligible for benefits from the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System; that in order for a more fair and equitable treatment of all members of the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System, members of the General Assembly should vest after five (5) years of actual service; and that for the proper administration of this act, its provisions should become effective at the beginning of the next fiscal year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2005."



The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_

By: Representative Mathis  
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