

**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.**

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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1181

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6 By: Representatives Williams, Allen

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8 Filed with: Interim Joint Committee on Public Retirement & Social Security Programs  
9 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

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## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

12                   AN ACT TO MANDATE THE PARTICIPATION IN THE  
13                   ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BY  
14                   MUNICIPALITIES WITH 100,000 OR MORE IN  
15                   POPULATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

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19 ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT  
20 SYSTEM BY MUNICIPALITIES WITH MORE THAN  
21 100,000 IN POPULATION.

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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-4-303(a)(1)(A), concerning a  
27 municipality's membership in the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement  
28 System, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) Any municipality Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a municipality may elect to become a participating public employer and to cover its employees under the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System either by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of its governing body or by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the municipality.

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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 24-4-303, concerning a municipality's  
36 membership in the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System, is amended to



1 add a new subsection to read as follows:

2       (d) A municipality that has a retirement plan under § 24-12-101 et  
3 seq. and has a population of one hundred thousand (100,000) or more according  
4 to the most recent federal decennial census shall:

5           (1) Be subject to the provisions of Acts 1957, No. 177, as  
6 amended, as participating public employers; and

7           (2) From and after January 1, 2010, include their municipal  
8 employees, as defined in § 24-4-101, in the membership of the Arkansas Public  
9 Employees' Retirement System.

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