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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 291

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 24-4-601 TO INCREASE THE  
9 MULTIPLIER FOR RETIREMENT BENEFITS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC  
10 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND  
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

14 "TO INCREASE THE MULTIPLIER FOR  
15 RETIREMENT BENEFITS OF THE ARKANSAS  
16 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM."

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

20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-4-601 is amended to read as follows:

21 "24-4-601. Straight life annuity generally.

22 (a) Beginning July 1, 1995, any member who retires, as provided in §§  
23 24-4-507 - 24-4-512, shall receive a straight life annuity equal to one and  
24 nine hundred ninety-two thousandths percent (1.992%) of his average  
25 compensation multiplied by the number of years, and fraction of a year, of  
26 credited service with the system.

27 (b) Those members of the system who have chosen to place themselves  
28 under the noncontributory provisions of §§ 24-3-101 - 24-3-105(a), 24-3-201 -  
29 24-3-210, 24-3-211 [repealed], 24-3-212 - 24-3-215, 24-3-301 - 24-3-303, and  
30 24-3-401 - 24-3-415 may be allowed to change their election back to the  
31 contributory provisions of this act subject to the following conditions:

32 (1) The member has not, prior to July 1, 1979, retired from the  
33 system;

34 (2) The member signs a statement, to be furnished by the system,  
35 of the change of election, stating that the removal of the six thousand six

1 hundred dollar (\$6,600) limitation on average compensation is the reason for  
2 the change;

3 (3) The change of election is made officially with the system no  
4 later than July 1, 1980; and

5 (4) The member pays directly to the system in one (1) lump sum  
6 the contributions on his earnings that would have been paid had he remained  
7 under the contributory provisions of the system."  
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9 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature  
10 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
11 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.  
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13 SECTION 3. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to  
14 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect  
15 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
16 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
17 act are declared to be severable.  
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19 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
20 hereby repealed.  
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22 SECTION 5. Emergency. It is hereby found and determined by the  
23 Eightieth General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that retirement benefits  
24 provided to members of the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System are  
25 inadequate; that the benefits should be increased as soon as possible in  
26 order to provide adequate benefits, and that effective fiscal administration  
27 of the System will be aided by implementing those increases as the state's  
28 fiscal year begins. Therefore, in order to promote sound fiscal  
29 administration in State government, an emergency is hereby declared to exist,  
30 and this act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
31 peace, health, and safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after  
32 July 1, 1995.  
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