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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 406

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5 By: Senator Beebe  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 24-8-307 TO ADD A NEW  
10 SUBSECTION (g) TO PROVIDE A MUNICIPAL JUDGE WITH SIXTEEN  
11 (16) OR MORE YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR  
12 RETIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER THE LOCAL MUNICIPAL JUDGES'  
13 RETIREMENT PLAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."  
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## Subtitle

15 "TO PROVIDE A MUNICIPAL JUDGE WITH  
16 SIXTEEN (16) OR MORE YEARS OF PUBLIC  
17 SERVICE IS ELIGIBLE FOR RETIREMENT  
18 BENEFITS UNDER MUNICIPAL JUDGES'  
19 RETIREMENT PLAN."  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-8-307, regarding the eligibility for  
25 municipal judges for retirement benefits in cities of the first or second  
26 class, is amended to add a new subsection (g) to read as follows:

27 "(g)(1) Upon approval of the governing body of the municipality and of  
28 the county quorum court, if county funds are used to partially pay the salary  
29 of the judge of the municipal court, any person who has sixteen (16) or more  
30 years of public service, with not less than twelve (12) years as municipal  
31 judge and at least four (4) years of other public service as a state trooper,  
32 as deputy prosecuting attorney, and with active duty in the military  
33 aggregated together for a total of sixteen (16) years or more at public  
34 service, shall be eligible to receive retirement benefits provided by this  
35 subchapter.

36 (2) If the judge resigns, retires from office, or is succeeded in

1 office by another judge, he shall receive retirement benefits for and during  
2 the remainder of his natural life in an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the  
3 salary payable to him at the time of his resignation, retirement, or  
4 succession in office.

5           (3) If incapacitating illness or disability should occur during  
6 the final term for qualification under these provisions, then the judge so  
7 elected shall be eligible to retire at one-half (1/2) pay as provided in this  
8 section.

9           (4) In addition thereto, the surviving widow of the qualifying  
10 judge shall be entitled to the benefits provided in this subchapter until her  
11 death or remarriage."

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13           SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature  
14 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
15 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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

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