

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 411

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

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 24-8-307, CONCERNING  
10 ELGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS FOR MUNICIPAL JUDGES; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES."  
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### Subtitle

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14 "AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR  
15 BENEFITS FOR MUNICIPAL JUDGES."  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 24-8-307, concerning eligibility for benefits  
21 for municipal judges, is amended to add a new subsection to read as follows:

22 (g)(1) Upon the approval of a majority of the city council or board of  
23 directors of a city of the first or second class and the approval of the  
24 quorum court of the county, any person who at age fifty (50) has sixteen (16)  
25 years of service, with not less than eight (8) years as municipal judge and at  
26 least six (6) years as a prosecuting attorney and/or deputy prosecuting  
27 attorney and/or two (2) years with any state agency for a total of sixteen  
28 (16) years, shall be eligible to receive retirement benefits provided by this  
29 subchapter.

30 (2) If the judge resigns, retires from office, or is succeeded in  
31 office by another judge, he shall receive retirement benefits for and during  
32 the remainder of his natural life in an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the  
33 salary payable to him at the time of his resignation, retirement, or  
34 succession in office.

35 (3) If incapacitating illness or disability should occur during  
36 the final term of qualification under these provisions, then the judge so

1 elected shall be eligible to retire at one-half (1/2) pay as provided in this  
2 section.

3 (4) In addition thereto, the surviving spouse of the qualifying  
4 judge shall be entitled to the benefits provided in this subchapter until his  
5 or her death or remarriage.

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7 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
8 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
9 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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

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20 /s/Hopkins

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