

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 87

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5 By: Senator Scott

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 24-4-101 TO PERMIT
10 ELECTED COUNTY JUDGES TO BE MEMBERS OR RETIRANTS OF THE
11 STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TO ACCUMULATE CREDITED
12 SERVICE IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

16 "TO PERMIT ELECTED COUNTY JUDGES WHO ARE
17 RETIRANTS IN THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT
18 SYSTEM TO ACCUMULATE CREDITED SERVICE IN
19 THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM."

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

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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 24-4-101(7)(B) is amended to read as follows:
24 "(B) Excepting members of the General Assembly, those persons eligible
25 for, or receiving benefits from, a local firemen's or policemen's pension
26 fund, those persons eligible for or participating in a local firemen's pension
27 fund because of their status as volunteer fire fighters and those persons
28 eligible for, or receiving benefits from the Arkansas State Police Retirement
29 System who have been elected to the office of county judge or county sheriff,
30 a local firemen's or policemen's pension fund, the term _employees_ shall not
31 include persons who are members of, or who are eligible for benefits under or
32 membership in, any other retirement system, excepting federal Social Security,
33 which retirement system is supported by state funds or is authorized by the
34 laws of the state. In addition, the term _employees_ specifically shall not
35 include the following:

36 (i) Persons in the employ of the Department of Arkansas State

1 Police who are members of, or who are eligible for benefits under or
2 membership in, the Arkansas State Police Retirement System, except as
3 otherwise provided by law or those persons elected to the office of county
4 judge or county sheriff;

5 (ii) Persons in the employ of the State Department of Education
6 or the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, except as otherwise provided by
7 law;

8 (iii) Persons in the employ of the University of Arkansas or any
9 other state-supported institution of higher learning, except as otherwise
10 provided by law;

11 (iv) Justices of the Supreme Court, judges of circuit courts, or
12 judges of chancery courts;

13 (v) Persons in the employ of the General Assembly who are
14 employed on less than a full-time regular annual salary basis, except that any
15 person who has served or who shall serve during at least six (6) legislative
16 sessions as Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and who has served in
17 the employ of the General Assembly during at least twelve (12) previous
18 legislative sessions, shall be eligible to receive credited service in the
19 Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System for any period of employment with
20 the General Assembly since July 1, 1957, but only if the employee is, or was,
21 an active member of the system with at least ten (10) years of credited
22 service and only if the employee pays, or causes to be paid, all employee and
23 employer contributions that would have been paid had he been a member of the
24 system during those periods of time;

25 (vi) Persons who are in the employ of the Arkansas State Highway
26 and Transportation Department;

27 (vii) Persons employed with the intent of working fewer than
28 ninety (90) calendar days;

29 (viii) Persons employed in the state penitentiary, who are
30 members of, or who are eligible for benefits under, a state retirement system
31 or plan;

32 (ix) Persons who are first employed or those who are reemployed
33 as participants on or after July 1, 1979, under the Comprehensive Employment
34 and Training Act (CETA); however, those persons participating in the program
35 prior to July 1, 1979, shall continue to be members of the system while
36 employed by a participating public employer."

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

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

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