State of Arkansas 1 As Engrossed: S3/2/99 A Bill 2 82nd General Assembly 3 Regular Session, 1999 SENATE BILL 399 4 By: Senator Hopkins 5 6 7 For An Act To Be Entitled 8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 19-4-1107 TO ALLOW THE 9 ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE 10 ARKANSAS STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE JUDICIAL 11 12 RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO PROCESS PAYMENTS TO RETIREES IN A TIMELY 13 MANNER. " 14 15 **Subtitle** 16 "TO ALLOW THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND 17 18 FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE STATE POLICE, THE JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, 19 20 AND THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO PROCESS PAYMENTS TO RETIREES 21 22 IN A TIMELY MANNER." 23 24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 25 26 27 28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 19-4-1107 (B)(6) is amended to read as 29 follows: "(6)(A) In instances where the General Assembly has authorized grants 30 to public schools, public welfare recipients, counties, municipalities; for 31 other purposes specifically provided for by law; for payments made to 32 individuals under retirement systems; and for income tax refunds, the Chief 33 Fiscal Officer of the State shall prescribe the forms of the vouchers to be 34 35 used and the procedure to be followed in making the payments. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall check all such vouchers to determine that they are 36

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issued in accordance with the appropriations therefor and that there are sufficient funds to cover all the payments.

- (B) In the case of vouchers written upon the Public School Fund for Minimum Foundation Program Aid, the Auditor of State shall process warrants to pay the vouchers upon certification by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State that funds are available from general revenues available for distribution or from other sources for the benefit of the Public School Fund with which to pay the warrants when they shall be presented for payment.
- (C) In the case of payments made to welfare recipients under the welfare laws of this state, the approved list of welfare recipients may be certified directly to the Auditor of State, who shall approve the issuance of warrants thereon upon certification by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State that funds are available from general revenues available for distribution or from other sources for the benefit of the Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account of the Department of Human Services Fund with which to pay the warrants when they shall be presented for payment.
- (D) <del>[As enacted by Acts 1997, No. 14, § 1.]</del> In the case of vouchers written upon the Public Employees Retirement System, Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System, State Police Retirement System, the Judicial Retirement System, and the Arkansas Teach Retirement System, funds for retiree benefits, the Auditor of State shall process paper or electronic warrants to pay the vouchers upon certification by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State that funds are available from the Public Employees Retirement System, Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System, State Police Retirement System, the Judicial Retirement System, and the Arkansas Teach Retirement System, funds with which to pay the warrants when they shall be presented for payment.
  - (D) (E) [As enacted by Acts 1997, No. 860, § 4.] In the case of vouchers written upon the Uniform Tax Rate Trust Fund, the State Auditor shall process warrants to pay the vouchers upon certification by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State that funds are available for the benefit of the Uniform Tax Rate Trust Fund with which to pay the warrants when they shall be presented for payment."

SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code

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1	Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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3	SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
4	any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
5	other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
6	the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
7	act are declared to be severable.
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9	SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
10	hereby repealed.
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12	SECTION 5. <u>EMERGENCY CLAUSE</u> . It is hereby found and determined by the
13	Eighty-Second General Assembly that the effective fiscal administration of the
14	retirement systems covered by this act will be aided by the implementation of
15	the act; and that for the effective administration of this act, it should
16	become effective at the same time as the beginning of the State's fiscal year.
17	Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately
18	necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall
19	become effective on July 1, 1999.
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