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## A Bill

SENATE BILL 173

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

an act to remove the physician and increase the NUMBER OF ACTIVE OR RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE PENSION AND RELIEF FUNDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT TO REMOVE THE PHYSICIAN AND INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE OR RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE PENSION AND RELIEF FUNDS .

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-11-405(a), pertaining to the board of trustees, is amended as follows:
(a) The board of trustees of the policemen's pension and relief fund shall consist of seven (7) members as follows:
(1) The chief executive officer of the city, who shall be chair of the board;
(2) The city treasurer, who shall be the treasurer of the fund;
(3)(A)(i) Four (4) Five (5) active or retired members of the pension fund.
(ii)(a) The active pension fund members shall elect the active members by secret written ballot in May of each year, with the member or members to be chosen in alternating years.
(b) The retired member or members shall be
chosen in May of each year by a method to be determined by the board, with the member or members to be chosen in alternating years.
(c) All member trustees shall serve two-year
terms.
(iii) If there are no active members of the pension fund, all four (4) five (5) employee members shall be elected from and by the retired membership of the pension fund.
(B) The board shall select one (l) of the police members as secretary of the board to serve for a period of two (2) years or until his or her successor is elected and qualified.
(C) However, if no retirant is available to serve on the board, all four (4) five (5) employee positions shall be held by active members of the pension fund and shall all be elected by secret ballot by the active members of the pension fund for two-year terms as provided in subdivision (a)(3)(A) of this section.
(D) The board shall have the power to make all rules and regulations needful for its guidance to implement the provisions regarding board composition; and
(4) The six (6) members provided for in subdivisions (1)-(3) of this subsection shall elect one (1) more member who shall be a reputable physician and who shall represent the board of trustees in the examination of any member of the department upon a claim of disability; and
(5)(4) The number of active members or retired members to serve on the board shall be determined by the proportionate number of active members to retired members as follows:
(A) When the number of active members equals seventy-five percent ( $75 \%$ ) of the total of retired members and active members, the board shall be composed of three (3) four (4) active members and one (1) retired member;
(B) When the number of active members equals fifty percent (50\%) of the total of retired members and active members, the board shall be composed of two (2) three (3) active members and two (2) retired members; and
(C) When the number of retired members equals seventy-five percent (75\%) of the total of retired members and active members, the board shall be composed of one (1) active member and four (4) retired members.

