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2 85th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 180

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN AUTOMATIC SURVIVOR BENEFIT
10 FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE
11 RETIREMENT SYSTEM THAT ARE MARRIED AND DO NOT
12 ELECT ANOTHER FORM OF BENEFIT; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-10-603(c), pertaining to annuity
26 options, is amended as follows:

27 (c)(1) If a member does not elect an option, his or her annuity shall
28 be paid to him or her as an Option A60 annuity provided for under subdivision
29 (a)(1) of this section.

30 (2) Beginning July 1, 2005, a member who is married at the date
31 of retirement and does not elect an option, his or her annuity shall be paid
32 to him or her as an Option B75 annuity provided for under subdivision (a)(4)
33 of this section.
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35 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
36 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that for the effective



1 administration of this act and to avoid undue harm to the members and benefit
2 recipients of the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System that this
3 act should become effective on July 1, 2005. Therefore, an emergency is
4 declared to exist and this act being necessary for the preservation of the
5 public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2005.