

1 AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 7-166 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/7-166) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 7-166)

7 Sec. 7-166. Separation benefits - Eligibility. Separation  
8 benefits shall be payable as hereinafter set forth:

9 1. Upon separation from the service of all  
10 participating municipalities and instrumentalities thereof  
11 and participating instrumentalities, any participating  
12 employee who, on the date of application for such benefit,  
13 is not entitled to a retirement annuity shall be entitled  
14 to a separation benefit.

15 2. Upon separation from the service of all  
16 participating municipalities and instrumentalities thereof  
17 and participating instrumentalities, any participating  
18 employee who, on the date of application for such benefit,  
19 is entitled to a retirement annuity of less than \$100 ~~\$30~~  
20 per month for life may elect to take a separation benefit  
21 in lieu of the retirement annuity.

22 3. Upon separation from the service of all  
23 participating municipalities and instrumentalities thereof

1           and participating instrumentalities, any participating  
2           employee who, on the date of application for such benefit,  
3           is entitled to a retirement annuity, but wishes instead to  
4           use the amounts to his or her credit in the Fund to  
5           purchase credit in another retirement plan, may elect to  
6           take a separation benefit in lieu of the retirement  
7           annuity.

8           (Source: P.A. 91-887, eff. 7-6-00; 92-424, eff. 8-17-01.)

9           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
10          1, 2017.