

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2017 and 2018 HB5183

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/6-128.2 from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 6-128.2 40 ILCS 5/6-128.4 from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 6-128.4 30 ILCS 805/8.42 new

Amends the Chicago Firefighter Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Beginning January 1, 2019, increases the amount of the minimum retirement annuity for certain firemen and the minimum widow's annuity to 150% (instead of 125%) of the federal poverty level. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE ACT MAY APPLY STATE MANDATES ACT MAY REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT 1 AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

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

- Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by changing

 Sections 6-128.2 and 6-128.4 as follows:
- 6 (40 ILCS 5/6-128.2) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 6-128.2)
- 7 Sec. 6-128.2. Minimum retirement annuities.
 - (a) Beginning with the monthly payment due in January, 1988, the monthly annuity payment for any person who is entitled to receive a retirement annuity under this Article in January, 1990 and has retired from service at age 50 or over with 20 or more years of service, and for any person who retires from service on or after January 24, 1990 at age 50 or over with 20 or more years of service, shall not be less than \$475 per month. The \$475 minimum annuity is exclusive of any automatic annual increases provided by Sections 6-164 and 6-164.1, but not exclusive of previous raises in the minimum annuity as provided by any Section of this Article.

Beginning January 1, 1992, the minimum retirement annuity payable to any person who has retired from service at age 50 or over with 20 or more years of service and is entitled to receive a retirement annuity under this Article on that date, or who retires from service at age 50 or over with 20 or more

1 years of service after that date, shall be \$650 per month.

Beginning January 1, 1993, the minimum retirement annuity payable to any person who has retired from service at age 50 or over with 20 or more years of service and is entitled to receive a retirement annuity under this Article on that date, or who retires from service at age 50 or over with 20 or more years of service after that date, shall be \$750 per month.

Beginning January 1, 1994, the minimum retirement annuity payable to any person who has retired from service at age 50 or over with 20 or more years of service and is entitled to receive a retirement annuity under this Article on that date, or who retires from service at age 50 or over with 20 or more years of service after that date, shall be \$850 per month.

Beginning January 1, 2004, the minimum retirement annuity payable to any person who has retired from service at age 50 or over with 20 or more years of service and is entitled to receive a retirement annuity under this Article on that date, or who retires from service at age 50 or over with 20 or more years of service after that date, shall be \$950 per month.

Beginning January 1, 2005, the minimum retirement annuity payable to any person who has retired from service at age 50 or over with 20 or more years of service and is entitled to receive a retirement annuity under this Article on that date, or who retires from service at age 50 or over with 20 or more years of service after that date, shall be \$1,050 per month.

Beginning January 1, 2016, the minimum retirement annuity

payable to any person who has retired from service at age 50 or over with 20 or more years of service and is entitled to receive a retirement annuity under this Article on that date, or who retires from service at age 50 or over with 20 or more years of service after that date, shall be no less than 125% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Beginning January 1, 2019, the minimum retirement annuity payable to any person who has retired from service at age 50 or over with 20 or more years of service and is entitled to receive a retirement annuity under this Article on that date, or who retires from service at age 50 or over with 20 or more years of service after that date, shall be no less than 150% of the Federal Poverty Level.

For purposes of this Section, the "Federal Poverty Level" shall be determined pursuant to the poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2).

The minimum annuities established by this subsection (a) do include previous raises in the minimum annuity as provided by any Section of this Article, but do not include any sums which have been added or will be added to annuity payments by the automatic annual increases provided by Sections 6-164 and 6-164.1. Such annual increases shall be paid in addition to the minimum amounts specified in this subsection.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article,

- 1 beginning January 1, 1990, the minimum retirement annuity
- 2 payable to any person who is entitled to receive a retirement
- 3 annuity under this Article on that date shall be \$475 per
- 4 month.
- 5 (c) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory Act
- of the 93rd General Assembly apply to all persons receiving a
- 7 retirement annuity under this Article, without regard to
- 8 whether the retirement of the fireman occurred prior to the
- 9 effective date of this amendatory Act.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 99-506, eff. 5-30-16.)
- 11 (40 ILCS 5/6-128.4) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 6-128.4)
- 12 Sec. 6-128.4. Minimum widow's annuities.
- 13 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article,
- 14 beginning January 1, 1996, the minimum amount of widow's
- 15 annuity payable to any person who is entitled to receive a
- widow's annuity under this Article is \$700 per month, without
- 17 regard to whether the deceased fireman is in service on or
- after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1995.
- 19 (b) Notwithstanding Section 6-128.3, beginning January 1,
- 20 1994, the minimum widow's annuity under this Article shall be
- 21 \$700 per month for (1) all persons receiving widow's annuities
- on that date who are survivors of employees who retired at age
- 23 50 or over with at least 20 years of service, and (2) persons
- 24 who become eligible for widow's annuities and are survivors of
- 25 employees who retired at age 50 or over with at least 20 years

1 of service.

- (c) Notwithstanding Section 6-128.3, beginning January 1, 1999, the minimum widow's annuity under this Article shall be \$800 per month for (1) all persons receiving widow's annuities on that date who are survivors of employees who retired at age 50 or over with at least 20 years of service, and (2) persons who become eligible for widow's annuities and are survivors of employees who retired at age 50 or over with at least 20 years of service.
 - (d) Notwithstanding Section 6-128.3, beginning January 1, 2004, the minimum widow's annuity under this Article shall be \$900 per month for all persons receiving widow's annuities on or after that date, without regard to whether the deceased fireman is in service on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly.
 - (e) Notwithstanding Section 6-128.3, beginning January 1, 2005, the minimum widow's annuity under this Article shall be \$1,000 per month for all persons receiving widow's annuities on or after that date, without regard to whether the deceased fireman is in service on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly.
 - (f) Notwithstanding Section 6-128.3, beginning January 1, 2017, the minimum widow's annuity under this Article shall be no less than 125% of the Federal Poverty Level for all persons receiving widow's annuities on or after that date, without regard to whether the deceased fireman is in service on or

- 1 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 99th
- 2 General Assembly.
- 3 (g) Notwithstanding Section 6-128.3, beginning January 1,
- 4 2019, the minimum widow's annuity under this Article shall be
- 5 no less than 150% of the Federal Poverty Level for all persons
- 6 receiving widow's annuities on or after that date, without
- 7 regard to whether the deceased fireman is in service on or
- 8 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 100th
- 9 General Assembly.
- 10 (h) For purposes of this Section, "Federal Poverty Level"
- 11 means the poverty guidelines applicable to an individual in a
- 12 single-person household located in Illinois, as updated
- 13 periodically in the Federal Register by the United States
- 14 Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of
- 15 42 U.S.C. 9902(2).
- 16 (Source: P.A. 99-905, eff. 11-29-16.)
- 17 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
- 18 Section 8.42 as follows:
- 19 (30 ILCS 805/8.42 new)
- Sec. 8.42. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
- of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
- 22 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of
- the 100th General Assembly.
- Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

becoming law. 1