102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/17/2021, by Rep. Emanuel Chris Welch

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/3-109

from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 3-109

Amends the Downstate Police Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning persons who are excluded from participation in a fund created under the Article.

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PENSION IMPACT NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by 5 changing Section 3-109 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/3-109) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 3-109)

7 Sec. 3-109. Persons excluded.

8 (a) <u>The</u> The following persons shall not be eligible to 9 participate in a fund created under this Article:

part-time police officers, 10 (1)special police officers, night watchmen, temporary employees, traffic 11 guards or so-called auxiliary police officers specially 12 appointed to aid or direct traffic at or near schools or 13 14 public functions, or to aid in civil defense, municipal parking lot attendants, clerks or other civilian employees 15 16 of a police department who perform clerical duties 17 exclusively;

18 (2) any police officer who fails to pay the 19 contributions required under Section 3-125.1, computed (i) 20 for funds established prior to August 5, 1963, from the 21 date the municipality established the fund or the date of 22 a police officer's first appointment (including an 23 appointment on probation), whichever is later, or (ii) for

funds established after August 5, 1963, from the date, as 1 2 determined from the statistics or census provided in 3 Section 3-103, the municipality became subject to this Article by attaining the minimum population or by 4 5 referendum, or the date of a police officer's first 6 appointment (including an appointment on probation), 7 whichever is later, and continuing during his or her 8 entire service as a police officer; and

9 (3) any person who has elected under Section 3-109.1 10 to participate in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund 11 rather than in a fund established under this Article, 12 without regard to whether the person continues to be 13 employed as chief of police or is employed in some other 14 rank or capacity within the police department, unless the 15 person has lawfully rescinded that election.

(b) A police officer who is reappointed shall, before being declared eligible to participate in the pension fund, repay to the fund as required by Section 3-124 any refund received thereunder.

(c) Any person otherwise qualified to participate who was excluded from participation by reason of the age restriction removed by Public Act 79-1165 may elect to participate by making a written application to the Board before January 1, 1990. Persons so electing shall begin participation on the first day of the month following the date of application. Such persons may also elect to establish creditable service for periods of employment as a police officer during which they did not participate by paying into the police pension fund, before January 1, 1990, the amount that the person would have contributed had deductions from salary been made for such purpose at the time such service was rendered, together with interest thereon at 6% per annum from the time such service was rendered until the date the payment is made.

8 (d) A person otherwise qualified to participate who was 9 excluded from participation by reason of the fitness 10 requirement removed by this amendatory Act of 1995 may elect 11 to participate by making a written application to the Board 12 before July 1, 1996. Persons so electing shall begin participation on the first day of the month following the 13 month in which the application is received by the Board. These 14 15 persons may also elect to establish creditable service for 16 periods of employment as a police officer during which they 17 did not participate by paying into the police pension fund, before January 1, 1997, the amount that the person would have 18 contributed had deductions from salary been made for this 19 20 purpose at the time the service was rendered, together with interest thereon at 6% per annum, compounded annually, from 21 22 the time the service was rendered until the date of payment.

(e) A person employed by the Village of Shiloh who is otherwise qualified to participate and was excluded from participation by reason of his or her failure to make written application to the Board within 3 months after receiving his

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or her first appointment or reappointment as required under 1 2 Section 3-106 may elect to participate by making a written application to the Board before July 1, 2008. Persons so 3 electing shall begin participation on the first day of the 4 5 month following the month in which the application is received by the Board. These persons may also elect to establish 6 7 creditable service for periods of employment as a police 8 officer during which they did not participate by paying into 9 the police pension fund, before January 1, 2009, the amount 10 that the person would have contributed had deductions from 11 salary been made for this purpose at the time the service was 12 rendered, together with interest thereon at 6% per annum, compounded annually, from the time the service was rendered 13 until the date of payment. The Village of Shiloh must pay to 14 the System the corresponding employer contributions, plus 15 16 interest.

(f) A person who has entered into a personal services contract to perform police duties for the Village of Bartonville on or before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly may be appointed as an officer in the Village of Bartonville within 6 months after the effective date of this amendatory Act, but shall be excluded from participating under this Article.

(g) A person employed by the Village of Glen Carbon who is otherwise qualified to participate and was excluded from participation by reason of his or her failure to make written

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application to the Board within 3 months after receiving his 1 or her first appointment or reappointment as required under 2 3 Section 3-106 may elect to participate by making a written application to the Board before January 1, 2011. Persons so 4 5 electing shall begin participation on the first day of the month following the month in which the application is received 6 by the Board. These persons may also elect to establish 7 8 creditable service for periods of employment as a police 9 officer during which they did not participate by paying into 10 the police pension fund, before July 1, 2011, (i) employee 11 contributions that the person would have contributed had 12 deductions from salary been made for this purpose at the time 13 the service was rendered, (ii) employer contributions that the 14 employer would have contributed had deductions from salary 15 been made for this purpose at the time the service was 16 rendered, plus (iii) interest on items (i) and (ii) at the 17 actuarially assumed interest rate, compounded annually, from the time the service was rendered until the date of payment. 18 (Source: P.A. 95-483, eff. 8-28-07; 96-775, eff. 8-28-09; 19 96-1252, eff. 7-23-10.) 20

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