

1 AN ACT in relation to 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  
5 changing Section 7-109.3 and adding Section 7-109.4 as  
6 follows:

7 (40 ILCS 5/7-109.3) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 7-109.3)  
8 Sec. 7-109.3. "Sheriff's Law Enforcement Employees".

9 (a) "Sheriff's law enforcement employee" or "SLEP"  
10 means:

11 (1) A county sheriff and all deputies, other than  
12 special deputies, employed on a full time basis in the  
13 office of the sheriff.

14 (2) A person who has elected to participate in this  
15 Fund under Section 3-109.1 of this Code, and who is  
16 employed by a participating municipality to perform  
17 police duties.

18 (3) A law enforcement officer employed on a full  
19 time basis by a Forest Preserve District, provided that  
20 such officer shall be deemed a "sheriff's law enforcement  
21 employee" for the purposes of this Article, and service  
22 in that capacity shall be deemed to be service as a  
23 sheriff's law enforcement employee, only if the board of  
24 commissioners of the District have so elected by adoption  
25 of an affirmative resolution. Such election, once made,  
26 may not be rescinded.

27 (4) A person not eligible to participate in a fund  
28 established under Article 3 of this Code who is employed  
29 on a full-time basis by a participating municipality or  
30 participating instrumentality to perform police duties at  
31 an airport, but only if the governing authority of the

1 employer has approved sheriff's law enforcement employee  
2 status for its airport police employees by adoption of an  
3 affirmative resolution. Such approval, once given, may  
4 not be rescinded.

5 (5) An elected or appointed coroner or medical  
6 examiner who has elected to participate in this Fund as a  
7 sheriff's law enforcement employee under Section 3-109.4.

8 (b) An employee who is a sheriff's law enforcement  
9 employee and is granted military leave or authorized leave of  
10 absence shall receive service credit in that capacity.  
11 Sheriff's law enforcement employees shall not be entitled to  
12 out-of-State out-of-State service credit under Section 7-139.  
13 (Source: P.A. 90-448, eff. 8-16-97; revised 9-27-00.)

14 (40 ILCS 5/7-109.4 new)

15 Sec. 7-109.4. SLEP credit for coroner or medical  
16 examiner.

17 (a) An elected or appointed coroner or medical examiner  
18 who participates in the Fund may elect to participate as a  
19 sheriff's law enforcement employee.

20 (b) An elected or appointed coroner or medical examiner  
21 who has elected to participate in the Fund as a sheriff's law  
22 enforcement employee may have his or her service as a coroner  
23 or medical examiner prior to the date of that election deemed  
24 service as a sheriff's law enforcement employee by paying to  
25 the Fund the additional contribution required under Section  
26 7-173.1, plus interest thereon at the effective rate from the  
27 date of the service to the date of payment.

28 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding  
29 Section 8.25 as follows:

30 (30 ILCS 805/8.25 new)

31 Sec. 8.25. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6

1 and 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required  
2 for the implementation of any mandate created by this  
3 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
5 becoming law.