

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
5 changing Section 8-244.1 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/8-244.1) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 8-244.1)

7 Sec. 8-244.1. Payment of annuity other than direct.

8 (a) The board, at the written direction and request of any
9 annuitant, may, solely as an accommodation to such annuitant,
10 pay the annuity due him to a bank, savings and loan association
11 or any other financial institution insured by an agency of the
12 federal government, for deposit to his account, or to a bank or
13 trust company for deposit in a trust established by him for his
14 benefit with such bank, savings and loan association or trust
15 company, and such annuitant may withdraw such direction at any
16 time. An annuitant who directs the board to pay the annuity due
17 him or her to a financial institution shall hold the board and
18 Fund harmless from any claim or loss related to any error as to
19 whether the financial institution is or continues to be
20 federally insured. The board may also, in the case of any
21 disability beneficiary or annuitant for whom no estate
22 guardian has been appointed and who is confined in a publicly
23 owned and operated mental institution, pay such disability

1 benefit or annuity due such person to the superintendent or
2 other head of such institution or hospital for deposit to such
3 person's trust fund account maintained for him by such
4 institution or hospital, if by law such trust fund accounts
5 are authorized or recognized.

6 (b) An annuitant formerly employed by the City of Chicago
7 may authorize the withholding of a portion of his or her
8 annuity for payment of dues to a ~~the~~ labor organization ~~which~~
9 ~~formerly represented the annuitant when the annuitant was an~~
10 ~~active employee~~; however, no withholding shall be required
11 under this subsection for payment to one labor organization
12 unless a minimum of 25 annuitants authorize such withholding.
13 The Board shall prescribe a form for the authorization of
14 withholding of dues, release of name, social security number
15 and address and shall provide such forms to employees,
16 annuitants and labor organizations upon request. Amounts
17 withheld by the Board under this subsection shall be promptly
18 paid over to the designated organizations, indicating the
19 names, social security numbers and addresses of annuitants on
20 whose behalf dues were withheld.

21 At the request and at the expense of the labor
22 organization ~~that formerly represented the annuitant~~, the City
23 of Chicago shall coordinate mailings no more than twice in any
24 twelve-month period to such annuitants and the Board shall
25 supply current annuitant addresses to the City of Chicago upon
26 request. These mailings shall be limited to informing the

1 annuitants of their rights under this subsection (b), the form
2 authorizing the withholding of dues from their annuity and
3 information supplied by the labor organization pertinent to
4 the decision of whether to exercise the rights of this
5 subsection.

6 (Source: P.A. 100-23, eff. 7-6-17; 101-69, eff. 7-12-19.)