

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2023 and 2024 HB2333

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/9-108.3 40 ILCS 5/9-161

from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 9-161

Amends the Cook County Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Excludes certain temporary election work from the definition of "in service". Provides that if an employee annuitant re-enters service as an election worker and provides services for a scheduled federal, State, or local election for a period of 60 days or less during a calendar year, that employee annuitant's annuity shall not be suspended and such employee annuitant shall not be considered to be in service and is not entitled to benefits for employees in service. Provides that if an employee annuitant re-enters service for a period longer than 60 days during a calendar year, the annuity shall be suspended or cancelled retroactive to the initial date of re-entry.

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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 9-108.3 and 9-161 as follows:
- 6 (40 ILCS 5/9-108.3)
- 7 Sec. 9-108.3. In service. "In service": Any period during
- 8 which contributions are being made to the Fund on behalf of an
- 9 employee except for temporary election work as described in
- subsection (c) of Section 9-161.
- 11 (Source: P.A. 99-578, eff. 7-15-16.)
- 12 (40 ILCS 5/9-161) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 9-161)
- Sec. 9-161. Re-entry into service. (a) When an employee
- 14 who has withdrawn from service after the effective date
- 15 re-enters service before age 65, any annuity previously
- 16 granted and any annuity fixed for his wife shall be cancelled.
- 17 The employee shall be credited for annuity purposes with the
- 18 actuarial value of annuities equal to those cancelled as of
- 19 their ages on the date of re-entry; provided, the maximum age
- of the wife for this purpose shall be as provided in Section
- 21 9-151 of this Article. The sums so credited shall provide for
- 22 annuities to be fixed and granted in the future. Contributions

by the employee and the county for the purposes of this Article
shall be made and when the proper time arrives, as provided in
this Article, new annuities based upon the total sums
accumulated to his credit for annuity purposes and the entire
term of his service shall be fixed for the employee and his
wife.

If the employee's wife has died before he re-entered service, no part of any credits for widow's or widow's prior service annuity at the time annuity for his wife was fixed shall be credited upon re-entry into service, and no such sums shall thereafter be used to provide such annuity.

- (b) When an employee re-enters service after age 65, payments on account of any annuity previously granted shall be suspended during the time thereafter that he is in service, and when he again withdraws annuity payments shall be resumed. If the employee dies in service, his widow shall receive the annuity previously fixed for her.
- (c) If an employee annuitant re-enters service as an election worker and provides services for a scheduled federal, State, or local election for a period of 60 days or less during a calendar year, that employee annuitant's annuity shall not be suspended and such employee annuitant shall not be considered to be in service within the meaning of Section 9-108.3 and is not entitled to benefits for employees in service. If an employee annuitant re-enters service for a period longer than 60 days during a calendar year, the annuity

- 1 shall be suspended or cancelled retroactive to the initial
- 2 <u>date of re-entry.</u>
- 3 (Source: P.A. 81-1536.)