103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

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Introduced 4/11/2024, by Sen. Cristina Castro

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/22B-117 40 ILCS 5/22C-117

Amends the Police Officers' Pension Investment Fund and the Firefighters' Investment Fund Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that meetings of committees of the board may be conducted by audio or video conference, without the physical presence of a quorum of the members if the chairperson of the board determines that an in-person meeting would pose a risk to the health or safety of members of the board or the public and that conducting a meeting by an audio or video conference is in the best interest of the board and the public. Sets forth provisions concerning notice, public participation, voting, verbatim records, and costs.

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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 Sections 22B-117 and 22C-117 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/22B-117)

7 Sec. 22B-117. Meetings of the board.

8 (a) The transition board and the permanent board shall 9 each meet at least quarterly and otherwise upon written 10 request of either the Chairperson or 3 other members. The 11 Chairperson shall preside over meetings of the board. The 12 executive director and personnel of the board shall prepare 13 agendas and materials and required postings for meetings of 14 the board.

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(b) Six members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

16 (c) All actions taken by the transition board and the 17 permanent board shall require a vote of least 5 trustees, except that the following shall require a vote of at least 6 18 19 trustees: the adoption of actuarial assumptions; the selection of the chief investment officer, fiduciary counsel, or a 20 21 consultant as defined under Section 1-101.5 of this Code; the adoption of rules for the conduct of election of trustees; and 22 the adoption of asset allocation policies and investment 23

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1 policies.

2	(d) Subject to the requirements of Section 2.06 of the
3	Open Meetings Act but notwithstanding any other provision of
4	law, meetings of committees of the board may be conducted by
5	audio or video conference, without the physical presence of a
6	quorum of the members, so long as the following conditions are
7	met:
8	(1) The chairperson of the board determines that an
9	in-person meeting would pose a risk to the health or
10	safety of members of the board or the public and that
11	conducting a meeting by an audio or video conference is in
12	the best interest of the board and the public, and the
13	public notice of any meeting given under this paragraph
14	(1) states the reason or reasons for such determination.
15	(2) All members of the board participating in the
16	meeting, wherever their physical location, shall be
17	verified and can hear one another and can hear all
18	discussion and testimony.
19	(3) For open meetings, members of the public present
20	at the meeting location of the committee of the board can
21	hear all discussion and testimony and all votes of the
22	members of the committee of the board, or the committee of
23	the board makes arrangements and provides notice pursuant
24	to this subsection (d) of such arrangements in a manner to
25	allow any interested member of the public access to
26	contemporaneously hear all discussion, testimony, and roll

1	call votes, such as by offering a telephone number or a
2	web-based link, and to provide a method and notice by
3	which members of the public may provide public comment or
4	address the committee of the board as authorized by
5	subsection (g) of Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act,
6	such as by telephone or web-based link, or by email or
7	written comment to be read aloud at the meeting,
8	consistent with the board's established and recorded rules
9	for public comment, and to be included in the meeting
10	record.
11	(4) At least one member of the board, its legal
12	counsel, or an administrative officer of the board is
13	physically present at the meeting location.
14	(5) All votes are conducted by roll call, and each
15	member's vote on each issue is identified and recorded.
16	(6) Except in the event of a bona fide emergency, 48
17	hours' notice shall be given of a meeting to be held
18	pursuant to this Section. Notice shall be given to all
19	members of the board, shall be posted in compliance with
20	subsection (a) of Section 2.02 of the Open Meetings Act,
21	and shall also be provided to any news media that has
22	requested notice of meetings pursuant to subsection (a) of
23	Section 2.02 of the Open Meetings Act. The meeting notice
24	and agenda shall include the following: (i) all
25	information necessary for the public to access the audio
26	or video conference, including, but not limited to, the

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1	telephone number, web-based link, meeting identification
2	number, passcode, or other method to obtain access; and
3	(ii) for meetings conducted without the public present at
4	the meeting location pursuant to paragraphs (3) and (4) of
5	this subsection (d), all additional specific information
6	necessary for members of the public to provide public
7	comment or address the committee of the board as
8	authorized by subsection (q) of Section 2.06 of the Open
9	Meetings Act, such as by telephone number, web-based link,
10	email, or written comment. If the board declares a bona
11	fide emergency:
12	(A) Notice shall be given pursuant to subsection
13	(a) of Section 2.02 of the Open Meetings Act, and the
14	presiding officer shall state the nature of the
15	emergency at the beginning of the meeting.
16	(B) The committee of the board must comply with
17	the verbatim recording requirements set forth in
18	Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act.
19	(7) Each member of the board participating in a
20	meeting by audio or video conference for a meeting held
21	pursuant to this Section shall be considered present at
22	the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and
23	participating in all proceedings.

24 (8) In addition to the requirements for open meetings
 25 under Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act, committees of
 26 the board holding open meetings under this subsection (d)

1	must also keep a verbatim record of all their meetings in
2	the form of an audio or video recording. Verbatim records
3	made under this paragraph (8) shall be made available to
4	the public under, and are otherwise subject to, the
5	provisions of Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act.

6 <u>(9) The board shall bear all costs associated with</u> 7 <u>compliance with this subsection (d).</u>

8 (Source: P.A. 101-610, eff. 1-1-20.)

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