

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 Sections 7-132 and 7-132.2 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/7-132) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 7-132)

7 Sec. 7-132. Municipalities, instrumentalities and
8 participating instrumentalities included and effective dates.

9 (A) Municipalities and their instrumentalities.

10 (a) The following described municipalities, but not
11 including any with more than 1,000,000 inhabitants, and the
12 instrumentalities thereof, shall be included within and be
13 subject to this Article beginning upon the effective dates
14 specified by the Board:

15 (1) Except as to the municipalities and
16 instrumentalities thereof specifically excluded under
17 this Article, every county shall be subject to this
18 Article, and all cities, villages and incorporated towns
19 having a population in excess of 5,000 inhabitants as
20 determined by the last preceding decennial or subsequent
21 federal census, shall be subject to this Article
22 following publication of the census by the Bureau of the
23 Census. Within 90 days after publication of the census,
24 the Board shall notify any municipality that has become
25 subject to this Article as a result of that census, and
26 shall provide information to the corporate authorities of
27 the municipality explaining the duties and consequences
28 of participation. The notification shall also include a
29 proposed date upon which participation by the
30 municipality will commence.

31 However, for any city, village or incorporated town

1 that attains a population over 5,000 inhabitants after
2 having provided social security coverage for its
3 employees under the Social Security Enabling Act,
4 participation under this Article shall not be mandatory
5 but may be elected in accordance with subparagraph (3) or
6 (4) of this paragraph (a), whichever is applicable.

7 (2) School districts, other than those specifically
8 excluded under this Article, shall be subject to this
9 Article, without election, with respect to all employees
10 thereof.

11 (3) Towns and all other bodies politic and
12 corporate which are formed by vote of, or are subject to
13 control by, the electors in towns and are located in
14 towns which are not participating municipalities on the
15 effective date of this Act, may become subject to this
16 Article by election pursuant to Section 7-132.1.

17 (4) Any other municipality (together with its
18 instrumentalities), other than those specifically
19 excluded from participation and those described in
20 paragraph (3) above, may elect to be included either by
21 referendum under Section 7-134 or by the adoption of a
22 resolution or ordinance by its governing body. A copy of
23 such resolution or ordinance duly authenticated and
24 certified by the clerk of the municipality or other
25 appropriate official of its governing body shall
26 constitute the required notice to the board of such
27 action.

28 (b) A municipality that is about to begin participation
29 shall submit to the Board an application to participate, in a
30 form acceptable to the Board, not later than 90 days prior to
31 the proposed effective date of participation. The Board
32 shall act upon the application within 90 days, and if it
33 finds that the application is in conformity with its
34 requirements and the requirements of this Article,

1 participation by the applicant shall commence on a date
2 acceptable to the municipality and specified by the Board,
3 but in no event more than one year from the date of
4 application.

5 (c) A participating municipality which succeeds to the
6 functions of a participating municipality which is dissolved
7 or terminates its existence shall assume and be transferred
8 the net accumulation balance in the municipality reserve and
9 the municipality account receivable balance of the terminated
10 municipality.

11 (d) In the case of a Veterans Assistance Commission
12 whose employees were being treated by the Fund on January 1,
13 1990 as employees of the county served by the Commission, the
14 Fund may continue to treat the employees of the Veterans
15 Assistance Commission as county employees for the purposes of
16 this Article, unless the Commission becomes a participating
17 instrumentality in accordance with subsection (B) of this
18 Section.

19 (B) Participating instrumentalities.

20 (a) The participating instrumentalities designated in
21 paragraph (b) of this subsection shall be included within and
22 be subject to this Article if:

23 (1) an application to participate, in a form
24 acceptable to the Board and adopted by a two-thirds vote
25 of the governing body, is presented to the Board not
26 later than 90 days prior to the proposed effective date;
27 and

28 (2) the Board finds that the application is in
29 conformity with its requirements, that the applicant has
30 reasonable expectation to continue as a political entity
31 for a period of at least 10 years and has the prospective
32 financial capacity to meet its current and future
33 obligations to the Fund, and that the actuarial soundness
34 of the Fund may be reasonably expected to be unimpaired

1 by approval of participation by the applicant.

2 The Board shall notify the applicant of its findings
3 within 90 days after receiving the application, and if the
4 Board approves the application, participation by the
5 applicant shall commence on the effective date specified by
6 the Board.

7 (b) The following participating instrumentalities, so
8 long as they meet the requirements of Section 7-108 and the
9 area served by them or within their jurisdiction is not
10 located entirely within a municipality having more than one
11 million inhabitants, may be included hereunder:

12 i. Township School District Trustees.

13 ii. Multiple County and Consolidated Health
14 Departments created under Division 5-25 of the Counties
15 Code or its predecessor law.

16 iii. Public Building Commissions created under the
17 Public Building Commission Act, and located in counties
18 of less than 1,000,000 inhabitants.

19 iv. A multitype, consolidated or cooperative
20 library system created under the Illinois Library System
21 Act. Any library system created under the Illinois
22 Library System Act that has one or more predecessors that
23 participated in the Fund may participate in the Fund upon
24 application. The Board shall establish procedures for
25 implementing the transfer of rights and obligations from
26 the predecessor system to the successor system.

27 v. Regional Planning Commissions created under
28 Division 5-14 of the Counties Code or its predecessor
29 law.

30 vi. Local Public Housing Authorities created under
31 the Housing Authorities Act, located in counties of less
32 than 1,000,000 inhabitants.

33 vii. Illinois Municipal League.

34 viii. Northeastern Illinois Metropolitan Area

- 1 Planning Commission.
- 2 ix. Southwestern Illinois Metropolitan Area
- 3 Planning Commission.
- 4 x. Illinois Association of Park Districts.
- 5 xi. Illinois Supervisors, County Commissioners and
- 6 Superintendents of Highways Association.
- 7 xii. Tri-City Regional Port District.
- 8 xiii. An association, or not-for-profit
- 9 corporation, membership in which is authorized under
- 10 Section 85-15 of the Township Code.
- 11 xiv. Drainage Districts operating under the
- 12 Illinois Drainage Code.
- 13 xv. Local mass transit districts created under the
- 14 Local Mass Transit District Act.
- 15 xvi. Soil and water conservation districts created
- 16 under the Soil and Water Conservation Districts Law.
- 17 xvii. Commissions created to provide water supply
- 18 or sewer services or both under Division 135 or Division
- 19 136 of Article 11 of the Illinois Municipal Code.
- 20 xviii. Public water districts created under the
- 21 Public Water District Act.
- 22 xix. Veterans Assistance Commissions established
- 23 under Section 9 of the Military Veterans Assistance Act
- 24 that serve counties with a population of less than
- 25 1,000,000.
- 26 xx. The governing body of an entity, other than a
- 27 vocational education cooperative, created under an
- 28 intergovernmental cooperative agreement established
- 29 between participating municipalities under the
- 30 Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, which by the terms of
- 31 the agreement is the employer of the persons performing
- 32 services under the agreement under the usual common law
- 33 rules determining the employer-employee relationship. The
- 34 governing body of such an intergovernmental cooperative

1 entity established prior to July 1, 1988 may make
2 participation retroactive to the effective date of the
3 agreement and, if so, the effective date of participation
4 shall be the date the required application is filed with
5 the fund. If any such entity is unable to pay the
6 required employer contributions to the fund, then the
7 participating municipalities shall make payment of the
8 required contributions and the payments shall be
9 allocated as provided in the agreement or, if not so
10 provided, equally among them.

11 xxi. The Illinois Municipal Electric Agency.

12 xxii. The Waukegan Port District.

13 xxiii. The Fox Waterway Agency created under the
14 Fox Waterway Agency Act.

15 xxiv. The Illinois Municipal Gas Agency.

16 xxv. The Kaskaskia Regional Port District.

17 xxvi. The Southwestern Illinois Development
18 Authority.

19 (c) The governing boards of special education joint
20 agreements created under Section 10-22.31 of the School Code
21 without designation of an administrative district shall be
22 included within and be subject to this Article as
23 participating instrumentalities when the joint agreement
24 becomes effective. However, the governing board of any such
25 special education joint agreement in effect before September
26 5, 1975 shall not be subject to this Article unless the joint
27 agreement is modified by the school districts to provide that
28 the governing board is subject to this Article, except as
29 otherwise provided by this Section.

30 The governing board of the Special Education District of
31 Lake County shall become subject to this Article as a
32 participating instrumentality on July 1, 1997.
33 Notwithstanding subdivision (a)1 of Section 7-139, on the
34 effective date of participation, employees of the governing

1 board of the Special Education District of Lake County shall
2 receive creditable service for their prior service with that
3 employer, up to a maximum of 5 years, without any employee
4 contribution. Employees may establish creditable service for
5 the remainder of their prior service with that employer, if
6 any, by applying in writing and paying an employee
7 contribution in an amount determined by the Fund, based on
8 the employee contribution rates in effect at the time of
9 application for the creditable service and the employee's
10 salary rate on the effective date of participation for that
11 employer, plus interest at the effective rate from the date
12 of the prior service to the date of payment. Application for
13 this creditable service must be made before July 1, 1998; the
14 payment may be made at any time while the employee is still
15 in service. The employer may elect to make the required
16 contribution on behalf of the employee.

17 The regional office of education serving the part of Cook
18 County outside the City of Chicago shall become subject to
19 this Article as a participating instrumentality on July 1,
20 2004. Notwithstanding subdivision (a)1 of Section 7-139, on
21 the effective date of participation, employees of that
22 regional office of education shall receive creditable service
23 for their prior service with that employer, up to a maximum
24 of 5 years, without any employee contribution. Employees may
25 establish creditable service for the remainder of their prior
26 service with that employer, if any, by applying in writing
27 and paying an employee contribution in an amount determined
28 by the Fund, based on the employee contribution rates in
29 effect at the time of application for the creditable service
30 and the employee's salary rate on the effective date of
31 participation for that employer, plus interest at the
32 effective rate from the date of the prior service to the date
33 of payment. Application for this creditable service must be
34 made before July 1, 2005; the payment may be made at any time

1 while the employee is still in service. The employer may
2 elect to make the required contribution on behalf of the
3 employee.

4 The governing board of a special education joint
5 agreement created under Section 10-22.31 of the School Code
6 for which an administrative district has been designated, if
7 there are employees of the cooperative educational entity who
8 are not employees of the administrative district, may elect
9 to participate in the Fund and be included within this
10 Article as a participating instrumentality, subject to such
11 application procedures and rules as the Board may prescribe.

12 The Boards of Control of cooperative or joint educational
13 programs or projects created and administered under Section
14 3-15.14 of the School Code, whether or not the Boards act as
15 their own administrative district, shall be included within
16 and be subject to this Article as participating
17 instrumentalities when the agreement establishing the
18 cooperative or joint educational program or project becomes
19 effective.

20 The governing board of a special education joint
21 agreement entered into after June 30, 1984 and prior to
22 September 17, 1985 which provides for representation on the
23 governing board by less than all the participating districts
24 shall be included within and subject to this Article as a
25 participating instrumentality. Such participation shall be
26 effective as of the date the joint agreement becomes
27 effective.

28 The governing boards of educational service centers
29 established under Section 2-3.62 of the School Code shall be
30 included within and subject to this Article as participating
31 instrumentalities.

32 The governing boards of vocational education cooperative
33 agreements created under the Intergovernmental Cooperation
34 Act and approved by the State Board of Education shall be

1 included within and be subject to this Article as
2 participating instrumentalities.

3 If any such regional office of education, governing
4 board, or board ~~boards-er-boards~~ of control is are unable to
5 pay the required employer contributions to the Fund, then the
6 school districts served by that office or board ~~sueh--boards~~
7 shall make payment of the required contributions as provided
8 in Section 7-172. The payments shall be allocated among the
9 several school districts in proportion to the number of
10 students in average daily attendance for the last full school
11 year for each district in relation to the total number of
12 students in average attendance for such period for all
13 districts served. If any such regional office of education,
14 educational service center ~~centers~~, vocational education
15 cooperative, ~~cooperatives~~ or cooperative or joint educational
16 program or project ~~programs--er--projects~~ created and
17 administered under Section 3-15.14 of the School Code is are
18 dissolved, the assets and obligations shall be distributed
19 among the districts in the same proportions unless otherwise
20 provided by law.

21 (d) The governing boards of special recreation joint
22 agreements created under Section 8-10b of the Park District
23 Code, operating without designation of an administrative
24 district or an administrative municipality appointed to
25 administer the program operating under the authority of such
26 joint agreement, shall be included within and be subject to
27 this Article as participating instrumentalities when the
28 joint agreement becomes effective. However, the governing
29 board of any such special recreation joint agreement in
30 effect before January 1, 1980 shall not be subject to this
31 Article unless the joint agreement is modified, by the
32 districts and municipalities which are parties to the
33 agreement, to provide that the governing board is subject to
34 this Article.

1 If the Board returns any employer and employee
2 contributions to any employer which erroneously submitted
3 such contributions on behalf of a special recreation joint
4 agreement, the Board shall include interest computed from the
5 end of each year to the date of payment, not compounded, at
6 the rate of 7% per annum.

7 (e) Each multi-township assessment district, the board
8 of trustees of which has adopted this Article by ordinance
9 prior to April 1, 1982, shall be a participating
10 instrumentality included within and subject to this Article
11 effective December 1, 1981. The contributions required under
12 Section 7-172 shall be included in the budget prepared under
13 and allocated in accordance with Section 2-30 of the Property
14 Tax Code.

15 (f) Beginning January 1, 1992, each prospective
16 participating municipality or participating instrumentality
17 shall pay to the Fund the cost, as determined by the Board,
18 of a study prepared by the Fund or its actuary, detailing the
19 prospective costs of participation in the Fund to be expected
20 by the municipality or instrumentality.

21 (Source: P.A. 92-424, eff. 8-17-01.)

22 (40 ILCS 5/7-132.2) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 7-132.2)

23 Sec. 7-132.2. Regional office of education.

24 (a) A regional office of education serving 2 or more
25 counties, except those serving a county of 2,000,000
26 ~~1,000,000~~ inhabitants or more, formed pursuant to Article 3A
27 of the School Code shall be included within and be subject to
28 this Article, effective as of the effective date of
29 consolidation. For the purpose of this Article, a regional
30 office of education serving 2 or more counties shall be
31 considered a participating instrumentality but the
32 requirements of Sections 7-106 and 7-132 shall not apply to
33 it. Each county served by a regional office of education

1 that serves 2 or more counties shall pay its proportional
2 cost of the office's municipality contributions. This cost
3 shall be included in the budget prepared under and
4 apportioned in the manner provided by Section 3A-7 of the
5 School Code. Each county may include the cost for its share
6 of the municipality contributions required for the regional
7 office of education in its appropriation and tax levy under
8 Section 7-171 of this Article.

9 (b) For the purposes of this Article, employees (other
10 than persons excluded under subdivision (2)(a) of Section
11 7-109) of a participating regional office of education that
12 serves a single county (other than a regional office of
13 education serving all or a portion of a county with 2,000,000
14 or more inhabitants) shall be treated as employees of the
15 county served by that office. At the request of the county
16 served, however, the Board may designate a any participating
17 regional office of education to be a separate reporting
18 entity distinct from the county.

19 (c) The regional office of education serving the part of
20 Cook County outside the City of Chicago, when it becomes a
21 participating instrumentality, shall be treated as a separate
22 reporting entity and not as a part of any county.

23 (Source: P.A. 90-448, eff. 8-16-97.)

24 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
25 Section 8.27 as follows:

26 (30 ILCS 805/8.27 new)

27 Sec. 8.27. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6
28 and 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required
29 for the implementation of any mandate created by this
30 amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly.

31 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.