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 adding

5   Section 17-130.3 as follows:

6   (40 ILCS 5/17-130.3 new)

7   Sec. 17-130.3. Election of medicare coverage.

8   (a) The Fund shall conduct a divided medicare coverage

9   referendum, open to teachers continuously employed by the same

10   employer since March 31, 1986. The referendum shall be

11   conducted in accordance with the applicable provisions of

12   federal law and Article 21 of this Code.

13   (b) As used in this Section and in compliance with federal

14   law, "referendum" means the process whereby teachers are

15   granted the opportunity to make an irrevocable individual

16   election to participate in the medicare program on a

17   prospective basis.

18   (c) Employers shall pay the necessary employer

19   contributions and make the necessary deductions from salary for

20   teachers who elect to participate in the federal medicare

21   program under this Section, as required by the System, Article

22   21 of this Code, and federal law.

23   Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding

24   Section 8.29 as follows:

25   (30 ILCS 805/8.29 new)

26   Sec. 8.29. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8

27   of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the

28   implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of

29   the 94th General Assembly.

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

1   becoming law.