August 14, 2007

To the Honorable Members of the Illinois House of Representatives 95th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 3578, entitled "AN ACT concerning public employee benefits," with the following specific recommendations for change:

on page 4, line 15, by replacing "only to" with "to all"; and

on page 4, line 16 through 18, by replacing "<u>on or before the effective date of this</u> <u>amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly</u>" with "<u>, unless the county officer is</u> <u>currently vested in the plan of optional benefits and contributions authorized under this</u> <u>Section</u>".

With these changes, House Bill 3578 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,

ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH Governor