

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 Section 7-166 as follows:

(40 ILCS 5/7-166) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 7-166)

Sec. 7-166. Separation benefits - Eligibility. Separation benefits shall be payable as hereinafter set forth:

1. Upon separation from the service of all participating municipalities and instrumentalities thereof and participating instrumentalities, any participating employee who, on the date of application for such benefit, is not entitled to a retirement annuity shall be entitled to a separation benefit.

2. Upon separation from the service of all participating municipalities and instrumentalities thereof and participating instrumentalities, any participating employee who, on the date of application for such benefit, is entitled to a retirement annuity of less than \$100 ~~\$30~~ per month for life may elect to take a separation benefit in lieu of the retirement annuity.

3. Upon separation from the service of all participating municipalities and instrumentalities thereof

and participating instrumentalities, any participating employee who, on the date of application for such benefit, is entitled to a retirement annuity, but wishes instead to use the amounts to his or her credit in the Fund to purchase credit in another retirement plan, may elect to take a separation benefit in lieu of the retirement annuity.

(Source: P.A. 91-887, eff. 7-6-00; 92-424, eff. 8-17-01.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2017.