# SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4173

A bill to amend 1943 PA 240, entitled "State employees' retirement act," by amending sections 1a, 17j, 19, and 31 (MCL 38.1a, 38.17j, 38.19, and 38.31), section 1a as amended by 1995 PA 176, section 17j as amended by 1989 PA 9, section 19 as amended by 1996 PA 521, and section 31 as amended by 1991 PA 48, and by adding section 17m; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

### THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. la. (1) "Accumulated contributions" means the sum of
- 2 all amounts deducted from the compensation of a member and cred-
- 3 ited to the member's individual account in the employees' savings
- 4 fund, together with regular interest on that account.
- 5 (2) "Actuarial cost" means a single percentage that, when
- 6 multiplied by a member's fiscal year compensation, will result in
- 7 the average actuarial present value of the additional benefits

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- 1 resulting from the crediting of 1 additional year of service.
- 2 This single percentage shall be based on the members who utilize
- 3 those sections of this act that permit the purchase of service.
- 4 For purchases of service credit made before December 31, 1990,
- 5 the single percentage shall be 9%. Beginning December 31, 1990
- 6 and every 3 years thereafter, the single percentage shall be com-
- 7 puted based upon actual experience. If the computation results
- 8 in an increase or decrease in the percentage, not less than 6
- 9 months' notice shall be given to the members. AN AMOUNT THAT
- 10 SHALL BE PAID, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED BY THIS
- 11 ACT, BY A MEMBER TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL SERVICE CREDIT AS ALLOWED
- 12 UNDER THIS ACT. ACTUARIAL COST SHALL BE COMPUTED AS PROVIDED IN
- **13** SECTION 17J.
- 14 (3) "Annuity" means annual payments for life derived from
- 15 the accumulated contributions of a member. An annuity shall be
- 16 paid in equal monthly installments.
- 17 (4) "Annuity reserve" means the present value, computed upon
- 18 the basis of mortality and other tables adopted by the retirement
- 19 board, of all payments to be made on account of an annuity, or
- 20 benefits in lieu of an annuity, granted to a member under this
- **21** act.
- 22 (5) "Appointing authority" means the departmental officer
- 23 who has the responsibility of making appointments and handling
- 24 all other personnel transactions affecting the employees in the
- 25 agency that the officer represents.
- 26 Sec. 17j. (1) On and after June 23, 1987, a member who is
- 27 otherwise entitled to purchase service credit under section 17g,

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- 1 17h, 17i, -or 17k, 171, OR 17M shall not purchase a combined
- 2 total of more than 10 years of service credit under those
- 3 sections.
- 4 (2) On and after June 23, 1987, a member who under section
- 5 17c, 17e, 17f, 17g, 17h, 17i, 17k, 17l, 17M, or 18(2) is other-
- 6 wise entitled to purchase service credit may purchase such THE
- 7 service credit in separate increments equal to 1 or more full
- 8 years, or a remaining fraction of a year, if any, or both.
- 9 Partial purchase of service credit under this section shall
- 10 DOES not bar future purchases otherwise in compliance with this
- 11 section and the provisions of this act authorizing the purchase,
- 12 but computation of the amount of payment due shall be made sepa-
- 13 rately for each purchase.
- 14 (3) If a member who made payment under this section dies and
- 15 a retirement allowance is not payable or if the member leaves
- 16 service with the THIS state before his or her retirement allow-
- 17 ance becomes effective, the payment made by the member shall be
- 18 refunded upon request to the member, to the person designated by
- 19 the member in writing to the board, or if a person is not desig-
- 20 nated, then to the member's legal representative or estate.
- 21 (4) ACTUARIAL COST SHALL BE EQUAL TO THE PRODUCT OF SUBDIVI-
- 22 SIONS (A), (B), AND (C):
- 23 (A) A PERCENTAGE, DETERMINED BY THE RETIREMENT BOARD AND THE
- 24 DEPARTMENT, THAT WHEN MULTIPLIED BY A MEMBER'S COMPENSATION, AS
- 25 DETERMINED UNDER SUBDIVISION (B), RESULTS IN THE AVERAGE ACTUAR-
- 26 IAL PRESENT VALUE OF THE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS RESULTING FROM THE
- 27 CREDITING OF 1 ADDITIONAL YEAR OF SERVICE. THE PERCENTAGE MAY

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- 1 VARY BECAUSE OF AGE, CREDITED SERVICE, OR BENEFIT COVERAGE. AN
- 2 INCREASE OR DECREASE IN THE PERCENTAGE UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION
- 3 SHALL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF 6 MONTHS OR
- 4 MORE AFTER THE RETIREMENT BOARD NOTIFIES THE MEMBERS OF THE
- 5 INCREASE OR DECREASE.
- **6** (B) A MEMBER'S COMPENSATION. THE MEMBER'S COMPENSATION
- 7 SHALL BE THE MEMBER'S COMPENSATION EARNED IN THE FISCAL YEAR
- 8 IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE APPLICATION TO
- 9 PURCHASE AND PAYMENT FOR THE SERVICE ARE MADE. THE COMPENSATION
- 10 AMOUNT USED SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN THE HIGHEST COMPENSATION PRE-
- 11 VIOUSLY EARNED BY THE MEMBER.
- 12 (C) THE NUMBER OF YEARS, INCLUDING ANY FRACTION OF A YEAR,
- 13 OF CREDITED SERVICE A MEMBER ELECTS TO PURCHASE UP TO THE MAXIMUM
- 14 ALLOWED.
- 15 SEC. 17M. (1) A MEMBER MAY ELECT TO PURCHASE NOT MORE THAN
- 16 5 YEARS OF SERVICE CREDIT LESS THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF SERVICE
- 17 CREDIT PURCHASED UNDER SECTIONS 17E, 17F, AND 17K, UPON REQUEST
- 18 AND PAYMENT TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE ACTUARIAL COST.
- 19 (2) SERVICE CREDIT PURCHASED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE
- 20 USED TO SATISFY THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF YEARS OF SERVICE CREDIT
- 21 REQUIRED TO RECEIVE A RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE UNDER THIS ACT.
- 22 (3) IF A MEMBER WHO MADE PAYMENT UNDER THIS SECTION DIES AND
- 23 A RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE IS NOT PAYABLE, OR IF THE MEMBER LEAVES
- 24 SERVICE AND A RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE IS NOT PAYABLE, THE PAYMENT
- 25 MADE BY THE MEMBER SHALL BE REFUNDED UPON REQUEST TO THE MEMBER,
- 26 THE MEMBER'S REFUND BENEFICIARY, IF ANY, OR TO THE MEMBER'S LEGAL
- 27 REPRESENTATIVE OR ESTATE.

- 1 Sec. 19. (1) A member who is 60 years of age or older and
- 2 has 10 or more years of credited service OR A MEMBER WHO IS 60
- 3 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND HAS 5 OR MORE YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE
- 4 AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 20(4) OR (5) may retire upon written
- 5 application to the retirement board, stating a date, not less
- 6 than 30 or more than 90 days after the execution and filing of
- 7 the application, on which he or she desires to retire. Beginning
- 8 on the retirement allowance effective date, he or she shall
- 9 receive a retirement allowance computed according to section
- **10** 20(1).
- 11 (2) A member who is 55 years of age or older, but less than
- 12 60 years of age, and has 15 or more years of credited service,
- 13 may retire upon written application to the retirement board stat-
- 14 ing a date, not less than 30 or more than 90 days after the exe-
- 15 cution and filing of the application, on which he or she desires
- 16 to retire. Upon retirement he or she shall receive a retirement
- 17 allowance computed according to section 20(1). The EXCEPT AS
- 18 OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS ACT, THE retirement allowance of a
- 19 member who has less than 30 years' YEARS OF credited service
- 20 shall be reduced by an amount which THAT is 0.5% of the retire-
- 21 ment allowance multiplied by the number of months the person's
- 22 age at retirement is under 60 years. The reduction of 1/2 of 1%
- 23 for each month and fraction of a month from the member's retire-
- 24 ment allowance effective date to the date of the member's six-
- 25 tieth birthday provided for in this subsection does not apply to
- 26 a member who retired before July 1, 1974 and before attainment of
- 27 age 60, with 30 or more years of credited service. The

- 1 retirement allowance of a retirant or beneficiary of a retirant
- 2 who retired before that date shall be recalculated disregarding
- 3 the reduction, and the person receiving the retirement allowance
- 4 is eligible to receive an adjusted retirement allowance based on
- 5 the recalculation beginning October 1, 1987, but is not eligible
- 6 to receive the adjusted amount attributable to any month begin-
- 7 ning before October 1, 1987. The recalculated retirement allow-
- 8 ance provided by this subsection shall be paid by January 1,
- 9 1988. The retirement allowance of a retirant who dies before
- 10 January 1, 1988, and who has not nominated a retirement allowance
- 11 beneficiary pursuant to section 31, shall not be recalculated
- 12 pursuant to this subsection.
- 13 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section,
- 14 effective April 1, 1988, a member may retire with a retirement
- 15 allowance computed according to section 20(1), without regard to
- 16 the reduction in subsection (2), if all of the following apply:
- 17 (a) The member files a written application with the retire-
- 18 ment board stating a date, not less than 30 or more than 90 days
- 19 after the execution and filing of the application, on which the
- 20 member desires to retire, and which is within the early retire-
- 21 ment effective period.
- (b) The member was employed by the state for the 6-month
- 23 period immediately preceding the member's retirement allowance
- 24 effective date. This subdivision does not apply to a member who
- 25 had been restored to active service during that 6-month period
- 26 pursuant to section 33.

- 1 (c) On the last day of the month immediately preceding the
- 2 retirement allowance effective date stated in the application,
- 3 the member's combined age and length of credited service is equal
- 4 to or greater than 80 years and the member is 50 years of age or
- 5 older.
- 6 (d) For purposes of this subsection, "early retirement
- 7 effective period" means 1 of the following:
- **8** (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii), the period
- 9 beginning on April 1, 1988 and ending on April 1, 1989.
- 10 (ii) For a member employed by a hospital or facility owned
- 11 or operated by the department formerly known as the department of
- 12 mental health that is in the process of being closed by the
- 13 department formerly known as the department of mental health, the
- 14 period beginning on April 1, 1988 and ending on October 1, 1989.
- **15** (4) As used in subsections (5) to (9):
- 16 (a) "Agency of the department" means 1 of the following:
- 17 (i) Southwest Michigan community living services.
- 18 (ii) Wayne community living services.
- 19 (b) "Department inpatient facility" means 1 of the
- 20 following:
- 21 (i) A developmental disability center that is directly oper-
- 22 ated by the department formerly known as the department of mental
- 23 health for purposes of providing inpatient care and treatment
- 24 services to persons with developmental disabilities.
- 25 (ii) A psychiatric hospital that is directly operated by the
- 26 department formerly known as the department of mental health for

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- 1 purposes of providing inpatient diagnostic and therapeutic
- 2 services to persons who are mentally ill.
- 3 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a
- 4 member who is an employee of an agency of the department or a
- 5 department inpatient facility and is on layoff status because the
- 6 agency or inpatient facility has been designated by the state
- 7 officer formerly known as the director of mental health for clo-
- 8 sure on or after October 1, 1989, may retire as provided in sub-
- 9 section (7) or (8), as applicable, with a retirement allowance
- 10 computed according to section 20(1), without regard to the reduc-
- 11 tion in subsection (2), upon satisfaction of any 1 of the follow-
- 12 ing conditions:
- 13 (a) The member is 51 years of age or older and has 25 or
- 14 more years of credited service, the last 5 of which are as an
- 15 employee of an agency of the department designated for closure or
- 16 a department inpatient facility designated for closure.
- 17 (b) The member is at least 56 years of age and has 10 or
- 18 more years of credited service, the last 5 of which are as an
- 19 employee of an agency of the department designated for closure or
- 20 a department inpatient facility designated for closure.
- 21 (c) The member has 25 or more years of credited service,
- 22 regardless of age, as an employee of an agency of the department
- 23 designated for closure or a department inpatient facility desig-
- 24 nated for closure.
- 25 (6) When a department inpatient facility or agency is desig-
- 26 nated for closure on or after October 1, 1989, the state officer
- 27 formerly known as the director of mental health shall certify in

- 1 writing to the state legislature and the retirement board, not
- 2 less than 240 days before the designated official date of clo-
- 3 sure, which facility or agency is to be closed and the designated
- 4 official date of closure.
- 5 (7) Except as provided in subsection (8), a member who is
- **6** eligible to receive a retirement allowance under subsection (5)
- 7 may retire effective on the date that an agency of the department
- 8 or a department inpatient facility designated for closure as pro-
- 9 vided in subsection (5) actually closes, upon written application
- 10 to the retirement board not less than 30 or more than 180 days
- 11 before the designated official date of closure. Beginning on the
- 12 retirement allowance effective date, he or she shall receive a
- 13 retirement allowance computed according to section 20(1).
- 14 (8) A member who is on layoff status, is not working for the
- 15 state, and becomes eligible to receive a retirement allowance
- 16 under subsection (5) and who was an employee of an agency of the
- 17 department or a department inpatient facility that has been des-
- 18 ignated for closure as provided in subsection (5) and that actu-
- 19 ally closes on or after October 1, 1989, may retire upon written
- 20 application to the retirement board, stating a date, not less
- 21 than 30 or more than 180 days after the than facility actually
- 22 closes, upon which he or she wishes to retire. Beginning on the
- 23 retirement allowance effective date, he or she shall receive a
- 24 retirement allowance computed according to section 20(1).
- 25 (9) Any additional accrued actuarial cost and costs for
- 26 health insurance resulting from the implementation of subsection
- 27 (5) shall be funded from appropriations to the department

- 1 formerly known as the department of mental health for this
  2 purpose.
- 3 (10) A member who is an employee of the state accident fund
- 4 on the date of transfer to a permitted transferee as that term is
- 5 defined by section 701a of the worker's disability compensation
- 6 act of 1969, Act No. 317 of the Public Acts of 1969, being sec-
- 7 tion 418.701a of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1969 PA 317, MCL
- 8 418.701A, may retire if the member's age and his or her length of
- 9 service is equal to or greater than 70 years on the date of
- 10 transfer. The member may retire upon written application to the
- 11 retirement board, stating a date, not less than 30 or more than
- 12 90 days after the execution and filing of the application, on
- 13 which he or she desires to retire. Beginning on the retirement
- 14 allowance effective date, he or she shall receive a retirement
- 15 allowance computed according to section 20(1) without regard to
- 16 the reduction required by subsection (2).
- 17 (11) A member who is an employee of the Michigan biologic
- 18 products institute on the date the institute is conveyed pursuant
- 19 to the Michigan biologic products institute transfer act, 1996 PA
- 20 522, MCL 333.26331 TO 333.26340, may retire if the member's age
- 21 and his or her length of service is equal to or greater than 70
- 22 years on the date of the conveyance. The member may retire upon
- 23 written application to the retirement board, stating a date, not
- 24 less than 30 or more than 90 days after the execution and filing
- 25 of the application, on which he or she desires to retire.
- 26 Beginning on the retirement allowance effective date, he or she
- 27 shall receive a retirement allowance computed according to

- 1 section 20(1) without regard to the reduction required by
- 2 subsection (2).
- 3 (12) A member who is an employee of the liquor control com-
- 4 mission created by section 5 of the Michigan liquor control act,
- 5 Act No. 8 of the Public Acts of the Extra Session of 1933, being
- 6 section 436.5 of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1933 (EX SESS) PA 8,
- 7 MCL 436.5, whose employment is terminated due to the privatiza-
- 8 tion of the distribution of spirits within this state is effectu-
- 9 ated pursuant to the resolution and order adopted by the liquor
- 10 control commission on February 7, 1996, a plan adopted pursuant
- 11 to statute or court order, or a plan adopted pursuant to both
- 12 statute and order of the liquor control commission may retire if
- 13 the member's age and his or her length of service is equal to or
- 14 greater than 70 years on the date the privatization is
- 15 effectuated. The member may retire under this subsection upon
- 16 written application to the retirement board, stating a date, not
- 17 less than 30 or more than 90 days after the execution and filing
- 18 of the application, on which he or she desires to retire.
- 19 Beginning on the retirement allowance effective date, he or she
- 20 shall receive a retirement allowance computed according to
- 21 section 20(1), without regard to the reduction required by
- 22 subsection (2). The cost of benefits paid under this section
- 23 shall be paid out of the revolving fund created under section 10
- 24 of Act No. 8 of the Public Acts of the Extra Session of 1933,
- 25 being section 436.10 of the Michigan Compiled Laws THE MICHIGAN
- 26 LIQUOR CONTROL ACT, 1933 (EX SESS) PA 8, MCL 436.10.

- 1 Sec. 31. (1) Except as provided in subsection (6), before
- 2 the effective date of retirement, but not after the effective
- 3 date of retirement, a member or deferred member who is eligible
- 4 for retirement, as provided in section 19, 19a, 21, 24, 46, or
- 5 48 THIS ACT, shall elect to receive his or her benefit in a
- 6 retirement allowance payable throughout life, which shall be
- 7 called a regular retirement allowance, or to receive the actuar-
- 8 ial equivalent at that time of his or her regular retirement
- 9 allowance in a reduced retirement allowance payable throughout
- 10 the lives of the retirant and a retirement allowance beneficiary,
- 11 pursuant to 1 of the following PAYMENT options:
- 12 (a) Option A. Upon the retirant's death his or her reduced
- 13 retirement allowance shall be continued throughout the life of
- 14 and paid to the retirement allowance beneficiary whom the member
- 15 nominated by written designation duly executed and filed with the
- 16 retirement board before the effective date of his or her
- 17 retirement.
- 18 (b) Option B. Upon the retirant's death, 1/2 of his or her
- 19 reduced retirement allowance shall be continued throughout the
- 20 life of and paid to the retirement allowance beneficiary whom the
- 21 member nominated by written designation duly executed and filed
- 22 with the retirement board before the effective date of his or her
- 23 retirement.
- 24 (C) OPTION C. UPON THE RETIRANT'S DEATH, 3/4 OF HIS OR HER
- 25 REDUCED RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE SHALL BE CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE
- 26 LIFE OF AND PAID TO THE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE BENEFICIARY WHOM THE
- 27 MEMBER NOMINATED BY WRITTEN DESIGNATION DULY EXECUTED AND FILED

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- 1 WITH THE RETIREMENT BOARD BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF HIS OR HER 2 RETIREMENT.
- 3 (2) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (8), the elec-
- 4 tion of an A PAYMENT option UNDER SUBSECTION (1) shall not be
- 5 changed on or after the effective date of the retirement
- 6 allowance. A retirement allowance beneficiary designated under
- 7 this section shall not be changed on or after the effective date
- 8 of the retirement allowance, and shall be either a spouse, broth-
- 9 er, sister, parent, child, including an adopted child, or grand-
- 10 child of the person making the designation. Payment to a retire-
- 11 ment allowance beneficiary shall begin on the first day of the
- 12 month following the death of the retirant or member.
- 13 (3) If the retirement allowance beneficiary named under A
- 14 PAYMENT option A or B under subsection (1) predeceases the
- 15 retirant, the retirant's benefit shall revert to the regular
- 16 retirement allowance, effective with the first day of the month
- 17 following the retirement allowance beneficiary's death. For a
- 18 retirant whose effective date of retirement was on or before
- 19 June 28, 1976, this subsection shall apply, but the regular
- 20 retirement allowance is not payable for any month beginning
- 21 before the later of the retirement allowance beneficiary's death
- 22 or January 1, 1986. A retirant who on January 1, 1986 is receiv-
- 23 ing a reduced retirement allowance because the retirant desig-
- 24 nated a retirement allowance beneficiary and the retirement
- 25 allowance beneficiary predeceased the retirant is eligible to
- 26 receive the regular retirement allowance beginning January 1,

- 1 1986, but the regular retirement allowance is not payable for any 2 month beginning before January 1, 1986.
- 3 (4) A member who continues in the employ of this state on
- 4 and after the date he or she acquires 10 years of service credit
- 5 or becomes eligible for deferred retirement as provided by sec-
- 6 tion 20(4) or (5), whichever occurs first, may by written decla-
- 7 ration duly executed and filed with the retirement board elect
- 8 option A, provided for in subsection (1)(a), and nominate a
- 9 retirement allowance beneficiary in the same manner as if the
- 10 member were then retiring from service, notwithstanding that the
- 11 member may not have attained 60 years of age. In the case of
- 12 IF the beneficiary's death or divorce from the member OCCURS
- 13 before the effective date of the member's retirement, the
- 14 member's election of option A and nomination of retirement allow-
- 15 ance beneficiary shall be automatically revoked and the member
- 16 may again elect option A and nominate a retirement allowance ben-
- 17 eficiary at any time before the effective date of retirement. If
- 18 a member who has made an election and nominated a retirement
- 19 allowance beneficiary as provided in this subsection dies before
- 20 the effective date of his or her retirement, then the retirement
- 21 allowance beneficiary shall immediately receive the retirement
- 22 allowance that he or she would have been entitled to receive
- 23 under option A if the member had been regularly retired on the
- 24 date of the member's death. Except as otherwise provided by sub-
- 25 section (5), if a member who has made an election under this sub-
- 26 section subsequently retires under this act, his or her election
- 27 of option A shall take effect at the time of retirement. Subject

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1 to the requirements of subsection (5), the member,  $\frac{1}{1}$  before 2 the effective date of retirement, but not after the effective 3 date of retirement, MAY revoke his or her previous election of 4 option A and elect to receive his or her retirement allowance as 5 a regular retirement allowance or under option B OR C as provided **6** for in subsection  $\frac{(1)(b)}{(1)}$  (1). A retirement allowance shall not 7 be paid under this subsection on account of the death of a member 8 if any benefits are paid under section 27 on account of his or 9 her death. If a deferred member who has an option A election in 10 effect dies before the effective date of his or her retirement, 11 the retirement allowance payable under option A shall be paid to 12 the retirement allowance beneficiary at the time the deceased 13 deferred member otherwise would have been eligible to begin 14 receiving benefits. (5) If a member, deferred member, retiring member, or retir-15 16 ing deferred member is married at the effective date of the 17 retirement allowance, an election under this section, other than 18 an election of an A PAYMENT option under subsection (1) naming 19 the spouse as retirement allowance beneficiary, shall not be 20 effective unless the election is signed by the spouse. However, 21 this requirement may be waived by the retirement board if the 22 signature of a spouse cannot be obtained because of extenuating 23 circumstances. As used in this subsection, "spouse" means the 24 person to whom the member, deferred member, retiring member, or

25 retiring deferred member is married at the effective date of the

26 retirement allowance.

- 1 (6) Until July 1, 1991, upon request in a form as determined
- 2 by the retirement board, a nonduty disability retirant who
- 3 retired under section 24 may change his or her election to
- 4 receive a disability retirement allowance computed as a regular
- 5 retirement allowance and elect to receive the actuarial equiva-
- 6 lent at the time of the election pursuant to this subsection of
- 7 his or her disability retirement allowance in a reduced retire-
- 8 ment allowance payable to the retirant and the retirant's spouse
- 9 pursuant to the provisions of A PAYMENT option A or B as pro-
- 10 vided in subsection (1), if the disability retirement allowance
- 11 effective date was before November 12, 1985 and the retirant had
- 12 25 or more years of credited service on the disability retirement
- 13 allowance effective date. The nonduty disability retirant shall
- 14 begin to receive the reduced retirement allowance under this sub-
- 15 section effective the first day of the month following the month
- 16 in which the retirant makes the election pursuant to this
- 17 subsection. As used in this subsection, "spouse" means the
- 18 person to whom the nonduty disability retirant was married on the
- 19 effective date of his or her disability retirement allowance and
- 20 on the date the retirant makes the election pursuant to this
- 21 subsection.
- 22 (7) If a member who continues in the employ of the THIS
- 23 state on and after the date he or she acquires 10 years of serv-
- 24 ice credit, or on and after the date he or she becomes eligible
- 25 for deferred retirement as provided by section 20(4) or (5),
- 26 whichever occurs first, and who does not have an election of
- 27 option A in force as provided in subsection (4), dies before the

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1 effective date of retirement and leaves a surviving spouse, the 2 spouse shall receive a retirement allowance computed in the same 3 manner as if the member had retired effective the day before the 4 date of his or her death, elected option A, and nominated the 5 spouse as retirement allowance beneficiary. When the retirement 6 allowance beneficiary dies, his or her retirement allowance shall 7 terminate. If the aggregate amount of retirement allowance pay-8 ments received by the beneficiary is less than the accumulated 9 contributions credited to the member's account in the employees' 10 savings fund at the time of the member's death, the difference 11 between the accumulated contributions and the aggregate amount of 12 retirement allowance payments received by the beneficiary shall 13 be transferred from the employer's accumulation fund or pension 14 reserve fund to the employees' savings fund and paid pursuant to 15 section 29. A retirement allowance shall not be paid under this 16 subsection on account of the death of a member if benefits are 17 paid under section 27 on account of his or her death. 18 (8) If a retirant receiving a reduced retirement allowance 19 under A PAYMENT option A or B under subsection (1) is divorced 20 from the spouse who had been designated as the retirant's retire-21 ment allowance beneficiary under THE option, A or B, the elec-22 tion of THE PAYMENT option A or B shall be considered void by 23 the retirement system if the judgment of divorce or award or 24 order of the court, or an amended judgment of divorce or award or 25 order of the court, described in section 40 and dated after the 26 effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection 27 JUNE 27, 1991 provides that the election of THE PAYMENT option -A

- 1 or B under subsection (1) is to be considered void by the
- 2 retirement system and the retirant provides a certified copy of
- 3 the judgment of divorce or award or order of the court, or an
- 4 amended judgment of divorce or award or order of the court, to
- 5 the retirement system. If the election of A PAYMENT option A or
- 6 B under subsection (1) is considered void by the retirement
- 7 system under this subsection, the retirant's retirement allowance
- 8 shall revert to a regular retirement allowance, including postre-
- 9 tirement adjustments, if any, subject to an award or order of the
- 10 court as described in section 40. The retirement allowance shall
- 11 revert to a regular retirement allowance under this subsection
- 12 effective the first of the month after the date the retirement
- 13 system receives a certified copy of the judgment of divorce or
- 14 award or order of the court. This subsection does not supersede
- 15 a judgment of divorce or award or order of the court in effect on
- 16 the effective date of the amendatory act that added this
- 17 subsection JUNE 27, 1991. This subsection does not require the
- 18 retirement system to distribute or pay retirement assets on
- 19 behalf of a retirant in an amount that exceeds the actuarially
- 20 determined amount that would otherwise become payable if a judg-
- 21 ment of divorce had not been rendered.
- 22 (9) A retirement allowance payable under a payment option
- 23 provided in this section is subject to an eligible domestic rela-
- 24 tions order under the eligible domestic relations order act, 1991
- 25 PA 46, MCL 38.1701 TO 38.1711.

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- Enacting section 1. Sections 17e, 17f, and 17k of the state
- 2 employees' retirement act, 1943 PA 240, MCL 38.17e, 38.17f, and
- 3 38.17k, are repealed.
- 4 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take
- 5 effect unless House Bill No. 4897 of the 89th Legislature is
- 6 enacted into law.