- 1.1 M moves to amend S.F. No. 427; H.F. No.
- 1.2 2092, as follows:
- 1.3 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:
- 1.4 "2005 OMNIBUS RETIREMENT BILL
- 1.5 ARTICLE 1
- 1.6 CLARIFICATION/RECODIFICATION OF
- 1.7 STATEWIDE SPECIALTY RETIREMENT PLANS
- 1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.01,
- 1.9 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 1.10 Subdivision 1. PURPOSES. Each of the terms defined in
- 1.11 this section, for the purposes of this chapter shall be
- 1.12 given has the meanings meaning ascribed to them.
- 1.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.01, is amended
- 1.14 by adding a subdivision to read:
- 1.15 Subd. 1a. ACTUARIAL EQUIVALENT. "Actuarial equivalent"
- 1.16 means the condition of one allowance or benefit having an equal
- 1.17 actuarial present value to another allowance or benefit,
- 1.18 determined by the actuary retained under section 356.214 as of a
- 1.19 given date at a specified age with each actuarial present value
- 1.20 based on the mortality table applicable for the plan and
- 1.21 approved under section 356.215, subdivision 18, and using the
- 1.22 applicable preretirement or postretirement interest rate
- 1.23 assumption specified in section 356.215, subdivision 8.
- 1.24 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.01, is amended
- 1.25 by adding a subdivision to read:
- 1.26 Subd. 1b. AVERAGE MONTHLY SALARY. "Average monthly
- 1.27 salary" means the average of the member's highest five
- 1.28 successive years of salary that was received as a member of the
- 1.29 legislature and upon which the member has made contributions
- 1.30 under section 3A.03, subdivision 1, or for which the member of
- 1.31 the legislature has made payments for past service under section
- 1.32 3A.02, subdivision 2, or has made, before July 1, 1994, payments
- 1.33 in lieu of contributions under Minnesota Statutes 1992, section
- 1.34 <u>3A.031.</u>
- 1.35 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.01, is amended
- 1.36 by adding a subdivision to read:

- 2.1 Subd. 1c. CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER. "Constitutional
- 2.2 officer" means a person who was duly elected, qualifies for, and
- 2.3 serves as the governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney
- 2.4 general, the secretary of state, or the state auditor of the
- 2.5 state of Minnesota.
- 2.6 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.01,
- 2.7 subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 2.8 Subd. 2. **DEPENDENT CHILD.** (a) "Dependent child" means
- 2.9 any natural or adopted child of a deceased member of the
- 2.10 legislature or a former legislator who is under the age of 18,
- 2.11 or who is under the age of 22 and is a full-time student, and
- 2.12 who, in either case, is unmarried and was actually dependent for
- 2.13 more than one-half of support upon $\frac{\text{such}}{\text{such}}$ the legislator for a
- 2.14 period of at least 90 days immediately prior to before the
- 2.16 (b) The term also includes any child of the member of the
- 2.17 legislature or former legislator who was conceived during the
- 2.18 lifetime of, and $\underline{\text{who was}}$ born after the death of, the member or
- 2.19 former legislator. This subdivision shall be retroactive as to
- 2.20 any dependent child under the age of 22 years as of April 1,
- 2.21 1975.
- 2.22 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.01,
- 2.23 subdivision 6, is amended to read:
- 2.24 Subd. 6. **DIRECTOR.** "Director" means the executive
- 2.25 director of the Minnesota State Retirement System who was
- 2.26 appointed under section 352.03, subdivision 5.
- 2.27 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.01, is amended
- 2.28 by adding a subdivision to read:
- 2.29 Subd. 6b. FORMER LEGISLATOR. "Former legislator" means a
- 2.30 legislator who has ceased to be a member of the legislature for
- 2.31 any reason, including, but not limited to, the expiration of the
- 2.32 term for which a member of the legislature was elected or the
- 2.33 death of the member.
- 2.34 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.01, is amended
- 2.35 by adding a subdivision to read:
- 2.36 Subd. 6c. MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE. "Member of the

- 3.1 legislature" means a person who was a member of the House of
- 3.2 Representatives or of the Senate of the state of Minnesota who
- 3.3 has subscribed to the oath of office after July 1, 1965, and who
- 3.4 was first elected to a legislative office before July 1, 1997,
- 3.5 and retained coverage by the plan under Laws 1997, chapter 233,
- 3.6 article 2, section 15.
- 3.7 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.01,
- 3.8 subdivision 8, is amended to read:
- 3.9 Subd. 8. NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE. "Normal retirement age"
- 3.10 means the age of 60 years with regard to any member of the
- 3.11 legislature whose service terminates prior to the beginning of
- 3.12 the 1981 legislative session, and the age of 62 years with
- 3.13 regard to any member of the legislature whose service terminates
- 3.14 after the beginning of the 1981 session.
- 3.15 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.01, is
- 3.16 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 3.17 Subd. 9. **RETIREMENT.** "Retirement" means the period of
- 3.18 time after which a former legislator is entitled to a retirement
- 3.19 <u>allowance.</u>
- 3.20 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.01, is
- 3.21 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 3.22 Subd. 10. SALARY. (a) "Salary" means the regular
- 3.23 compensation payable under law to a member of the legislature
- 3.24 and paid to the person for service as a legislator.
- 3.25 (b) The term includes the monthly compensation paid to the
- 3.26 member of the legislature and the per diem payments paid during
- $3.27\ \underline{\text{a}}\ \text{regular}$ or special session to the member of the legislature.
- 3.28 (c) The term does not include per diem payments paid to a
- 3.29 member of the legislature other than during the regular or
- 3.30 special session; additional compensation attributable to a
- 3.31 leadership position under section 3.099, subdivision 3; living
- 3.32 expense payments under section 3.101; and special session living
- 3.33 expense payments under section 3.103.
- 3.34 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.011, is
- 3.35 amended to read:
- 3.36 3A.011 **ADMINISTRATION OF PLAN.**

- 4.1 The executive director and the board of directors of the
- 4.2 Minnesota State Retirement System shall administer the
- 4.3 legislators retirement plan in accordance with this chapter and
- 4.4 chapter 356A.
- 4.5 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.02,
- 4.6 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 4.7 Subdivision 1. QUALIFICATIONS. (a) A former legislator
- 4.8 is entitled, upon written application to the director, to
- 4.9 receive a retirement allowance monthly, if the person:
- 4.10 (1) has either served at least six full years, without
- 4.11 regard to the application of section 3A.10, subdivision 2, or
- 4.12 has served during all or part of four regular sessions as a
- 4.13 member of the legislature, which service need not be continuous;
- 4.14 (2) has attained the normal retirement age;
- 4.15 (3) has retired as a member of the legislature; and
- 4.16 (4) has made all contributions provided for in section
- 4.17 3A.03, has made payments for past service under subdivision 2,
- 4.18 or has made payments in lieu of contributions under Minnesota
- 4.19 Statutes 1992, section 3A.031, prior to before July 1, 1994.
- 4.20 (b) This paragraph applies to members of the legislature
- 4.21 who terminate service as a legislator before July 1, 1997. For
- 4.22 service rendered before the beginning of the 1979 legislative
- 4.23 session, but not to exceed eight years of service, the
- 4.24 retirement allowance is an amount equal to five percent per year
- 4.25 of service of that member's average monthly salary. For service
- 4.26 in excess of eight years rendered before the beginning of the
- 4.27 1979 legislative session, and for service rendered after the
- 4.28 beginning of the 1979 legislative session, Unless the former
- 4.29 legislator has legislative service before January 1, 1979, the
- 4.30 retirement allowance is an amount equal to 2-1/2 percent per
- 4.31 year of service of that member's average monthly salary.
- 4.32 (c) This paragraph applies to members of the legislature
- 4.33 who terminate service as a legislator after June 30, 1997. The
- 4.34 retirement allowance is an amount equal to the applicable rate
- 4.35 or rates under paragraph (b) per year of service of the member's
- 4.36 average monthly salary and adjusted for that person on an

- 5.1 actuarial equivalent basis to reflect the change in the
- 5.2 postretirement interest rate actuarial assumption under section
- 5.3 356.215, subdivision 8, from five percent to six percent. The
- 5.4 adjustment must be calculated by or, alternatively, the
- 5.5 adjustment procedure must be specified by, the actuary retained
- 5.6 by the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement under
- 5.7 section 356.214. The purpose of this adjustment is to ensure
- 5.8 that the total amount of benefits that the actuary predicts an
- 5.9 individual member will receive over the member's lifetime under
- 5.10 this paragraph will be the same as the total amount of benefits
- 5.11 the actuary predicts the individual member would receive over
- 5.12 the member's lifetime under the law in effect before enactment
- 5.13 of this paragraph. If the former legislator has legislative
- 5.14 service before January 1, 1979, the person's benefit must
- 5.15 include the additional benefit amount in effect on January 1,
- 5.16 1979, and adjusted as otherwise provided in this paragraph.
- 5.17 (d) (c) The retirement allowance accrues beginning with the
- 5.18 first day of the month of receipt of the application, but not
- 5.19 before age 60, and for the remainder of the former legislator's
- 5.20 life, if the former legislator is not serving as a member of the
- 5.21 legislature or as a constitutional officer or commissioner as
- 5.22 defined in section 352C.021, subdivisions 2 and 3 subdivision 1b.
- 5.23 The annuity does not begin to accrue prior to before the
- 5.24 person's retirement as a legislator. No annuity payment may be
- 5.25 made retroactive for more than 180 days before the date that the
- 5.26 annuity application is filed with the director.
- 5.27 (e) (d) Any member who has served during all or part of
- 5.28 four regular sessions is considered to have served eight years
- 5.29 as a member of the legislature.
- (f) (e) The retirement allowance ceases with the last
- 5.31 payment that accrued to the retired legislator during the
- 5.32 retired legislator's lifetime, except that the surviving spouse,
- 5.33 if any, is entitled to receive the retirement allowance of the
- 5.34 retired legislator for the calendar month in which the retired
- 5.35 legislator died.
- 5.36 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.02,

- 6.1 subdivision 1b, is amended to read:
- 6.2 Subd. 1b. REDUCED RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE. (a) Upon
- 6.3 separation from service after the beginning of the 1981
- 6.4 legislative session, a former member of the legislature who has
- 6.5 attained the age set by the board of directors of the Minnesota
- 6.6 State Retirement System and who is otherwise qualified in
- 6.7 accordance with under subdivision 1 is entitled, upon making
- 6.8 written application on forms supplied a form prescribed by the
- 6.9 director, to a reduced retirement allowance in. The reduced
- 6.10 retirement allowance is an amount equal to the retirement
- 6.11 allowance specified in subdivision 1, paragraph (b), that is
- 6.12 reduced so that the reduced annuity allowance is the actuarial
- 6.13 equivalent of the annuity allowance that would be payable if the
- 6.14 former member of the legislature deferred receipt of the annuity
- 6.15 <u>allowance</u> and the <u>annuity</u> <u>allowance</u> amount <u>were was</u> augmented
- 6.16 at an annual rate of three percent compounded annually from the
- 6.17 date the annuity allowance begins to accrue until age 62.
- 6.18 (b) The age set by the board of directors under paragraph
- 6.19 (a) cannot be $\frac{1}{1}$ an earlier age than the early retirement age
- 6.20 under section 352.116, subdivision 1a.
- 6.21 (c) If there is an actuarial cost to the plan of resetting
- 6.22 the early retirement age under paragraph (a), the retired
- 6.23 legislator is required to pay an additional amount to cover the
- 6.24 full actuarial value. The additional amount must be paid in a
- 6.25 lump sum within 30 days of the certification of the amount by
- 6.26 the executive director.
- 6.27 (d) The executive director of the Minnesota State
- 6.28 Retirement System shall report to the Legislative Commission on
- 6.29 Pensions and Retirement on the utilization of this
- 6.30 provision annually on or before September 1, 2000.
- 6.31 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.02,
- 6.32 subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 6.33 Subd. 3. APPROPRIATION. The amounts required for payment
- 6.34 of retirement allowances provided by this section are
- 6.35 appropriated annually to the director from the participation of
- 6.36 the legislators retirement plan in the Minnesota postretirement

- 7.1 investment fund and shall. The retirement allowance must be
- 7.2 paid monthly to the recipients entitled thereto to those
- 7.3 retirement allowances.
- 7.4 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.02,
- 7.5 subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 7.6 Subd. 4. **DEFERRED ANNUITIES AUGMENTATION.** (a) The
- 7.7 deferred annuity retirement allowance of any former legislator
- 7.8 must be augmented as provided herein.
- 7.9 (b) The required reserves applicable to the
- 7.10 deferred annuity retirement allowance, determined as of the date
- 7.11 the benefit begins to accrue using an appropriate mortality
- 7.12 table and an interest assumption of six percent, must be
- 7.13 augmented from the first of the month following $\underline{\text{the}}$ termination
- 7.14 of active service, or July 1, 1973, whichever is later, to the
- 7.15 first day of the month in which the annuity allowance begins to
- 7.16 accrue, at the following annually compounded rate of or rates:
- 7.17 five percent per annum compounded annually until January 1,
- 7.18 1981, and thereafter at the rate of three percent per annum
- 7.19 compounded annually until January 1 of the year in which the
- 7.20 former legislator attains age 55. From that date to the
- 7.21 effective date of retirement, the rate is five percent
- 7.22 compounded annually.

7.23	<u>rate</u>	<u>period</u>
7.24	(1) five percent	until January 1, 1981
7.25	(2) three percent	from January 1, 1981, or from the
7.26		first day of the month following
7.27		the termination of active service,
7.28		whichever is later, until January 1
7.29		of the year in which the former
7.30		legislator attains age 55
7.32	(3) five percent	from the period end date under
7.33		clause (2) to the effective date
7.34		of retirement.

- 7.35 (b) The retirement allowance of, or the survivor benefit
- 7.36 payable on behalf of, a former member of the legislature who

- 8.1 terminated service before July 1, 1997, which is not first
- 8.2 payable until after June 30, 1997, must be increased on an
- 8.3 actuarial equivalent basis to reflect the change in the
- 8.4 postretirement interest rate actuarial assumption under section
- 8.5 356.215, subdivision 8, from five percent to six percent under a
- 8.6 calculation procedure and tables adopted by the board of
- 8.7 directors of the Minnesota State Retirement System and approved
- 8.8 by the actuary retained by the Legislative Commission on
- 8.9 Pensions and Retirement.
- 8.10 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.02,
- 8.11 subdivision 5, is amended to read:
- 8.12 Subd. 5. OPTIONAL ANNUITIES. (a) The board of directors
- 8.13 shall establish an optional retirement annuity in the form of a
- 8.14 joint and survivor annuity and an optional retirement annuity in
- 8.15 the form of a period certain and life thereafter. Except as
- 8.16 provided in paragraph (b), these optional annuity forms must be
- 8.17 actuarially equivalent to the normal annuity allowance computed
- 8.18 under this section, plus the actuarial value of any surviving
- 8.19 spouse benefit otherwise potentially payable at the time of
- 8.20 retirement under section 3A.04, subdivision 1. An individual
- 8.21 selecting an optional annuity under this subdivision waives and
- 8.22 the person's spouse waive any rights to surviving spouse
- 8.23 benefits under section 3A.04, subdivision 1.
- 8.24 (b) If a retired legislator selects the joint and survivor
- 8.25 annuity option, the retired legislator must receive a normal
- 8.26 single-life annuity allowance if the designated optional annuity
- 8.27 beneficiary dies before the retired legislator and no reduction
- 8.28 may be made in the annuity to provide for restoration of the
- 8.29 normal single-life $\frac{\text{annuity}}{\text{allowance}}$ in the event of the death
- 8.30 of the designated optional annuity beneficiary.
- 8.31 (c) The surviving spouse of a legislator who has attained
- 8.32 at least age 60 and who dies while a member of the legislature
- 8.33 may elect an optional joint and survivor annuity under paragraph
- 8.34 (a), in lieu of surviving spouse benefits under section 3A.04,
- 8.35 subdivision 1.
- 8.36 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.03,

- 9.1 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 9.2 Subdivision 1. **PERCENTAGE.** (a) Every member of the
- 9.3 legislature shall contribute nine percent of total salary.
- 9.4 (b) The contribution must be made by payroll deduction-
- 9.5 to and must be paid into the state treasury and deposited in the
- 9.6 general fund. It shall be the duty of
- 9.7 (c) The director $\frac{1}{1}$ must record the periodic contributions
- 9.8 of each member of the legislature and must credit such each
- 9.9 contribution to the member's account.
- 9.10 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.03,
- 9.11 subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 9.12 Subd. 2. **REFUND.** (a) A former member who has made
- 9.13 contributions under subdivision 1 and who is no longer a member
- 9.14 of the legislature is entitled to receive, upon written
- 9.15 application to the executive director on a form prescribed by
- 9.16 the executive director, a refund $from\ the\ general\ fund$ of all
- 9.17 contributions credited to the member's account with interest
- 9.18 computed as provided in section 352.22, subdivision 2.
- 9.19 (b) The refund of contributions as provided in paragraph (a)
- 9.20 terminates all rights of a former member of the legislature and
- 9.21 the survivors of the former member under this chapter.
- 9.22 (c) If the former member of the legislature again becomes a
- 9.23 member of the legislature after having taken a refund as
- 9.24 provided in paragraph (a), the member $\frac{must\ be\ considered}{}$ is a
- 9.25 new member of this plan the unclassified employees retirement
- 9.26 program of the Minnesota State Retirement System.
- 9.27 $\underline{\text{(d)}}$ However, the member may reinstate the rights and credit
- 9.28 for service previously forfeited <u>under this chapter</u> if the
- 9.29 member repays all refunds taken, plus interest at an annual rate
- 9.30 of 8.5 percent compounded annually from the date on which the
- 9.31 refund was taken to the date on which the refund is repaid.
- 9.32 (d) (e) No person may be required to apply for or to accept
- 9.33 a refund.
- 9.34 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.04,
- 9.35 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 9.36 Subdivision 1. **SURVIVING SPOUSE.** (a) Upon the death of a

- 10.1 member of the legislature while serving as such a member after
- 10.2 June 30, 1973, or upon the death of a former member of the
- 10.3 legislature with at least the number of six full years of
- 10.4 service as required by section 3A.02, subdivision 1, clause
- 10.5 (1) or service in all or part of four regular legislative
- 10.6 sessions, the surviving spouse shall be paid is entitled to a
- 10.7 survivor benefit in the amount of.
- 10.8 (b) The surviving spouse benefit is one-half of the
- 10.9 retirement allowance of the member of the legislature computed
- 10.10 as though the member were at least normal retirement age on the
- 10.11 date of death and based upon the member's allowable service
- 10.12 or upon eight years, whichever is greater. The augmentation
- 10.13 provided in section 3A.02, subdivision 4, if applicable, shall
- 10.14 <u>must</u> be applied <u>for the period up</u> to, <u>and including</u>, the month
- 10.15 of death.
- 10.16 (c) Upon the death of a former legislator receiving a
- 10.17 retirement allowance, the surviving spouse shall be is entitled
- 10.18 to one-half of the amount of the retirement allowance being paid
- 10.19 to the legislator. $\frac{\text{Such}}{\text{Such}}$
- 10.20 (d) The surviving spouse benefit shall be paid during is
- 10.21 payable for the lifetime of the surviving spouse.
- 10.22 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.04,
- 10.23 subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 10.24 Subd. 2. **DEPENDENT CHILDREN.** (a) Upon the death of a
- 10.25 member of the legislature while serving as a member, or upon the
- 10.26 death of a former member of the legislature who has rendered at
- 10.27 least the number of six full years of service as required by
- 10.28 section 3A.02, subdivision 1, clause (1) or service in all or
- 10.29 part of four regular legislative sessions and who was not
- 10.30 receiving a retirement allowance, each dependent child of the
- 10.31 member or former legislator shall be is entitled to receive a
- 10.32 survivor benefit in the following amount:
- 10.33 (1) for the first dependent child, a monthly allowance
- 10.34 which equals benefit equal to 25 percent of the monthly
- 10.35 retirement allowance of the member of the legislature or the
- 10.36 former legislator computed as though the member or the former

- 11.1 legislator had attained at least the normal retirement age on
- 11.2 the date of death and based upon the average monthly salary as
- 11.3 of the date of death or as of the date of termination, whichever
- 11.4 is applicable applies, and the member's allowable service or
- 11.5 eight years, whichever is greater;
- 11.6 (2) for each additional dependent child, a monthly
- 11.7 allowance which equals benefit equal to 12-1/2 percent of the
- 11.8 monthly retirement allowance of the member or the former
- 11.9 legislator computed as provided in the case of the first child
- 11.10 clause (1); but and
- 11.11 (3) the total amount paid to the surviving spouse and to
- 11.12 the dependent child or children shall may not exceed, in any
- 11.13 one month, 100 percent of the monthly retirement allowance of
- 11.14 the member or of the former legislator computed as provided in
- 11.15 the case of the first child clause (1).
- 11.16 (b) The augmentation provided in section 3A.02, subdivision
- 11.17 4, if applicable, shall be applied applies from the first day of
- 11.18 the month next following the date of the termination of the
- 11.19 person from service as a member of the legislature to the month
- 11.20 of the death of the person.
- 11.21 (c) Upon the death of a former legislator who was receiving
- 11.22 a retirement allowance, the \underline{a} surviving dependent child shall be
- 11.23 \underline{is} entitled to the applicable percentage specified above \underline{in}
- 11.24 paragraph (a), clause (1) or (2), whichever applies, of the
- 11.25 amount of the allowance which was paid to the former legislator
- 11.26 for the month immediately prior to before the date of death of
- 11.27 the former legislator.
- 11.28 (d) The payments for dependent children shall must be made
- 11.29 to the surviving spouse or $\underline{\text{to}}$ the guardian of the estate of the
- 11.30 dependent children, if there is one.
- 11.31 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.04,
- 11.32 subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 11.33 Subd. 3. PAYMENT. The surviving spouse's spouse and
- 11.34 dependent children's child or children survivor benefits payable
- 11.35 under this section shall be paid are payable by the director
- 11.36 monthly in the same manner as retirement allowances are

- 12.1 authorized to be paid by this chapter.
- 12.2 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.04,
- 12.3 subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 12.4 Subd. 4. **DEATH REFUNDS.** (a) Upon the death of a member
- 12.5 of the legislature or of a former legislator who was not
- 12.6 receiving a retirement allowance, without leaving either a
- 12.7 surviving spouse or \underline{a} dependent \underline{child} or $\underline{dependent}$ $\underline{children}$, the
- 12.8 last designated beneficiary named on a form that was filed with
- 12.9 the director before the death of the legislator, or if no
- 12.10 designation is filed, the estate of the member or the former
- 12.11 legislator, upon application, shall be is entitled to a refund.
- 12.12 (b) The refund is the amount of contributions credited to
- 12.13 the person's account plus interest as provided in section 3A.03,
- 12.14 subdivision 2, clause (2) paragraph (a).
- 12.15 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.04, is
- 12.16 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 12.17 <u>Subd. 5.</u> **APPROPRIATION.** The survivor benefits and the
- 12.18 death refunds authorized by this section are appropriated to the
- $12.19 \ \underline{\text{director from the general fund when they are due and payable.}}$
- 12.20 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.05, is
- 12.21 amended to read:
- 12.22 3A.05 APPLICATION FOR SURVIVOR BENEFIT.
- 12.23 <u>(a)</u> Applications for survivor benefits pursuant to <u>under</u>
- 12.24 section 3A.04 $\frac{\text{shall}}{\text{shall}}$ be filed with the director by the
- 12.25 surviving spouse and dependent child or children entitled to
- 12.26 benefits $\frac{\text{pursuant to}}{\text{under}}$ section 3A.04, or by the guardian of
- 12.27 the estate, if there is one, of the dependent child or children.
- 12.28 (b) Survivor benefits shall accrue as of the first day of
- 12.29 the month following the death of the member of the legislature
- 12.30 or former legislator and payments shall commence as of the first
- 12.31 of the month next following the filing of the application,
- 12.32 and $\frac{\text{shall be}}{\text{are}}$ retroactive to the date the benefit accrues:
- 12.33 provided, however, that no payment shall be retroactive for more
- 12.34 than or the first of the month occurring 12 months prior
- 12.35 to before the month in which the application is filed with the
- 12.36 director, whichever is earlier.

- 13.1 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.07, is
- 13.2 amended to read:
- 13.3 3A.07 APPLICATION.
- 13.4 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), this chapter
- 13.5 applies to members of the legislature in service after July 1,
- 13.6 1965, who otherwise meet the requirements of this chapter.
- 13.7 (b) Members of the legislature who were elected for the
- 13.8 first time after June 30, 1997, or members of the legislature
- 13.9 who were elected before July 1, 1997, and who, after July 1,
- 13.10 1998, elect not to be members of the plan established by this
- 13.11 chapter are covered by the unclassified employees retirement
- 13.12 program governed by chapter 352D.
- 13.13 (c) The post-July 1, 1998, coverage election under
- 13.14 paragraph (b) is irrevocable and must be made on a form
- 13.15 prescribed by the director. The second chance referendum
- 13.16 election under Laws 2002, chapter 392, article 15, also is
- 13.17 irrevocable.
- 13.18 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.10,
- 13.19 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 13.20 Subdivision 1. **SERVICE CREDIT FOR LEGISLATIVE TERM.** (a)
- 13.21 In the case of a member of the house of representatives, one
- 13.22 full term of office shall must be considered two full years of
- 13.23 service, notwithstanding the fact that the oath of office may be
- 13.24 was taken on different days each biennium.
- 13.25 (b) In the case of a member of the senate, one full term of
- 13.26 office shall must be considered four full years of service,
- 13.27 notwithstanding the fact that the oath of office $\frac{may}{may}$ be $\frac{may}{max}$
- 13.28 taken on different days at the start of each term.
- 13.29 (c) For purposes of this chapter, a legislative term shall
- 13.30 $\underline{\text{must}}$ be deemed to commence on January $\underline{\text{1st}}$ $\underline{\text{1}}$ and to end on
- 13.31 December 31st 31.
- 13.32 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.12, is
- 13.33 amended to read:
- 13.34 3A.12 COVERAGE BY MORE THAN ONE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR
- 13.35 ASSOCIATION.
- 13.36 Subdivision 1. ENTITLEMENT TO ANNUITY. (a) Any

- 14.1 legislator who has been an employee covered by a member of a
- 14.2 retirement plan listed in paragraph (b) is entitled, when
- 14.3 otherwise qualified, to a retirement allowance or annuity from
- 14.4 each plan if the total allowable service in all plans or in any
- 14.5 two of these plans totals ten or more years.
- 14.6 (b) This section applies to any retirement plan or program
- 14.7 administered by the Minnesota State Retirement System, or $\frac{a}{2}$
- 14.8 member of any retirement plan administered by the Public
- 14.9 Employees Retirement Association, including the Public Employees
- 14.10 Retirement Association police and fire fund, or the Teachers
- 14.11 Retirement Association, or the Minneapolis employees
- 14.12 retirement Fund plan, or the State Patrol retirement fund plan,
- 14.13 or any other public employee retirement system in the state of
- 14.14 Minnesota having a like provision but excluding all.
- 14.15 (c) This section does not apply to other funds retirement
- 14.16 plans providing benefits for police or firefighters, shall be
- 14.17 entitled when qualified to an annuity from each fund if the
- 14.18 total allowable service for which the legislator has credit in
- 14.19 all funds or in any two of these funds totals ten or more years,
- 14.20 provided.
- 14.21 (d) No portion of the allowable service upon which the
- 14.22 retirement annuity from one fund plan is based is again used in
- 14.23 the computation for benefits from another fund plan. The
- 14.24 annuity from each <u>fund shall plan must</u> be determined by the
- 14.25 appropriate provisions of the law, except that the requirement
- 14.26 that a person must have at least ten a minimum number of years
- 14.27 of allowable service in the respective system or
- 14.28 association $\frac{14.28}{14.28}$ association $\frac{14.28}{14.28}$ not apply for the purposes of this
- 14.29 section $\frac{\text{provided}}{\text{if}}$ the combined service in two or more of these
- 14.30 funds plans equals ten or more years. The augmentation of
- 14.31 deferred annuities provided in section 3A.02, subdivision
- 14.32 4, shall apply applies to the annuities accruing hereunder under
- 14.33 this section.
- 14.34 Subd. 2. **REFUND REPAYMENT.** Any A former legislator who
- 14.35 has received a refund as provided in section 3A.03, subdivision
- 14.36 2, who is a currently contributing member of a retirement fund

- 15.1 plan specified in subdivision 1, paragraph (b), may repay the
- 15.2 refund as provided in section 3A.03, subdivision 2. Any A
- 15.3 member of the legislature who has received a refund from any of
- 15.4 the funds retirement plans specified in subdivision 17 may repay
- 15.5 the refund to the respective fund plan under such terms and
- 15.6 conditions consistent with the law governing such fund the
- 15.7 retirement plan if the law governing such fund the plan permits
- 15.8 the repayment of refunds. If the total amount to be repaid,
- 15.9 including principal and interest exceeds \$2,000, repayment may
- 15.10 be made in three equal installments over a period of 18 months,
- 15.11 with the interest accrued during the period of the repayment
- 15.12 added to the final installment.
- 15.13 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.13, is
- 15.14 amended to read:
- 15.15 3A.13 EXEMPTION FROM PROCESS AND TAXATION; HEALTH PREMIUM
- 15.16 **DEDUCTION.**
- 15.17 (a) The provisions of section 352.15 shall apply to the
- 15.18 legislators retirement plan, chapter 3A.
- 15.19 (b) The executive director of the Minnesota State
- 15.20 Retirement System must, at the request of a retired legislator
- 15.21 who is enrolled in a health insurance plan covering state
- 15.22 employees, deduct the person's health insurance premiums from
- 15.23 the person's annuity and transfer the amount of the premium to a
- 15.24 health insurance carrier covering state employees.
- 15.25 Sec. 30. 352C.001 RETIREMENT PLAN; APPLICATION.
- 15.26 (a) The retirement plan applicable to a former
- 15.27 constitutional officer who was first elected to a constitutional
- 15.28 office after July 1, 1967, and before July 1, 1997, is the
- 15.29 applicable portions of this chapter and chapter 356 in effect on
- 15.30 the date on which the person terminated active service as a
- 15.31 constitutional officer.
- 15.32 (b) Nothing in this section or section 2 or 3 is intended
- 15.33 to reduce the benefits of former constitutional officers or to
- 15.34 adversely modify their eligibility for benefits in effect as of
- 15.35 the day before the effective date of this section.
- 15.36 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352C.091,

- 16.1 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 16.2 Subdivision 1. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY AND STANDARDS. This
- 16.3 chapter (a) The elected officers retirement plan must be
- 16.4 administered by the board of directors and the executive
- 16.5 director of the Minnesota State Retirement System.
- 16.6 (b) The elected state officers retirement plan must be
- 16.7 administered consistent with this chapter the applicable
- 16.8 statutory provisions governing the plan and chapters 356 and
- 16.9 356A.
- 16.10 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.121,
- 16.11 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 16.12 Subdivision 1. **SCOPE.** For purposes of sections 490.121
- 16.13 to 490.132, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, each
- 16.14 of the terms defined in this section have has the meanings
- 16.15 meaning given them unless the context clearly indicates
- 16.16 otherwise it.
- 16.17 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.121, is
- 16.18 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 16.19 Subd. 2a. ACTUARIAL EQUIVALENT. "Actuarial equivalent"
- 16.20 means the condition of one annuity or benefit having an equal
- 16.21 actuarial present value as another annuity or benefit,
- 16.22 determined as of a given date with each actuarial present value
- 16.23 based on the appropriate mortality table adopted by the board of
- 16.24 trustees based on the experience of the fund as recommended by
- 16.25 the actuary retained under section 356.214 and using the
- 16.26 applicable preretirement or postretirement interest rate
- 16.27 assumption specified in section 356.215, subdivision 8.
- 16.28 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.121,
- 16.29 subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 16.30 Subd. 4. **ALLOWABLE SERVICE.** (a) "Allowable service"
- 16.31 means any calendar month, subject to the service credit limit in
- 16.32 subdivision 22, served as a judge at any time, or during which
- 16.33 the judge received compensation for that service from the state,
- 16.34 municipality, or county, whichever applies, and for which the
- 16.35 judge made any required member contribution. It also includes
- 16.36 any month served as a referee in probate for all referees in

- 17.1 probate who were in office prior to before January 1, 1974.
- 17.2 (b) "Allowable service" does not mean service as a retired
- 17.3 judge.
- 17.4 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.121,
- 17.5 subdivision 6, is amended to read:
- 17.6 Subd. 6. ANNUITY. "Annuity" means the payments that are
- 17.7 made each year to an annuitant from the judges' retirement fund,
- 17.8 pursuant to the provisions of under sections 490.121 to 490.132.
- 17.9 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.121,
- 17.10 subdivision 7, is amended to read:
- 17.11 Subd. 7. ANNUITANT. "Annuitant" means a former judge, a
- 17.12 surviving spouse, or a dependent child who is entitled to and is
- 17.13 receiving an annuity under the provisions of sections 490.121 to
- 17.14 490.132.
- 17.15 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.121, is
- 17.16 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 17.17 Subd. 7a. APPROVED ACTUARY. "Approved actuary" means an
- 17.18 actuary as defined in section 356.215, subdivision 1, paragraph
- 17.19 (c).
- 17.20 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.121, is
- 17.21 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 17.22 Subd. 7b. COURT. "Court" means any court of this state
- 17.23 that is established by the Minnesota Constitution.
- 17.24 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.121, is
- 17.25 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 17.26 Subd. 7c. **DEPENDENT SURVIVING CHILD.** "Dependent
- 17.27 surviving child" means any natural or adopted child of a
- 17.28 deceased judge who has not reached the age of 18 years, or
- 17.29 having reached the age of 18, is under age 22 and who is a
- 17.30 full-time student throughout the normal school year, is
- 17.31 unmarried, and is actually dependent for more than one-half of
- 17.32 the child's support upon the judge for a period of at least 90
- 17.33 days before the judge's death. It also includes any natural
- 17.34 child of the judge who was born after the death of the judge.
- 17.35 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.121,
- 17.36 subdivision 13, is amended to read:

- 18.1 Subd. 13. **DISABILITY.** "Disability" means the permanent
- 18.2 inability of a judge to continue to perform the functions of
- 18.3 judge by reason of a physical or mental impairment resulting
- 18.4 from a sickness or an injury.
- 18.5 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.121,
- 18.6 subdivision 14, is amended to read:
- 18.7 Subd. 14. **DISABILITY RETIREMENT DATE.** "Disability
- 18.8 retirement date" means the last day of the first month after the
- 18.9 date on which the governor determines, upon receipt of the
- 18.10 voluntary application by the judge or otherwise, that a judge
- 18.11 suffers from a disability.
- 18.12 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.121,
- 18.13 subdivision 15, is amended to read:
- 18.14 Subd. 15. **DISABILITY RETIREMENT ANNUITY.** "Disability
- 18.15 retirement annuity" means an annuity to which a judge is
- 18.16 entitled under section 490.124, subdivisions 1 and 4, after the
- 18.17 retirement for reason of the judge because of a disability.
- 18.18 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.121, is
- 18.19 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 18.20 Subd. 15a. EARLY RETIREMENT DATE. "Early retirement date"
- 18.21 means the last day of the month after a judge attains the age of
- 18.22 60 but before the judge reaches the normal retirement date.
- 18.23 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.121, is
- 18.24 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 18.25 Subd. 15b. EARLY RETIREMENT ANNUITY. "Early retirement
- 18.26 annuity means an annuity to which a judge is entitled under
- 18.27 section 490.124, subdivisions 1 and 3, upon retirement by the
- 18.28 judge at an early retirement date.
- 18.29 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.121,
- 18.30 subdivision 21, is amended to read:
- 18.31 Subd. 21. FINAL AVERAGE COMPENSATION. "Final average
- 18.32 compensation" means the total amount of the salary payable to a
- 18.33 judge in the highest five years out of the last ten years prior
- 18.34 to before the event of maturity of benefits termination of
- 18.35 judicial service, divided by five; provided, however, that if
- 18.36 the number of years of service by the judge equals or exceeds

- 19.1 ten. If the number of years of service by the judge is less
- 19.2 than ten, but more than five, the highest five shall years of
- 19.3 salary must be counted , and. If the number of years of service
- 19.4 by the judge is less than five, the aggregate salary in such for
- 19.5 the period shall of service must be divided by the number of
- 19.6 months in such the period and multiplied by 12.
- 19.7 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.121, is
- 19.8 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 19.9 Subd. 21a. JUDGE. "Judge" means a judge or a justice of
- 19.10 any court as defined under subdivision 7b.
- 19.11 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.121, is
- 19.12 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 19.13 Subd. 21b. JUDGES' RETIREMENT FUND. "Judges' retirement
- 19.14 fund, " "retirement fund, " or "fund" means the fund created by
- 19.15 section 490.123.
- 19.16 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.121, is
- 19.17 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 19.18 Subd. 21c. MANDATORY RETIREMENT DATE. "Mandatory
- 19.19 retirement date" means the last day of the month in which a
- 19.20 judge has attained 70 years of age.
- 19.21 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.121, is
- 19.22 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 19.23 Subd. 21d. NORMAL RETIREMENT ANNUITY. Except as
- 19.24 otherwise provided in sections 490.121 to 490.132, "normal
- 19.25 retirement annuity" means an annuity to which a judge is
- 19.26 entitled under section 490.124, subdivision 1, upon retirement
- 19.27 on or after the normal retirement date of the judge.
- 19.28 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.121, is
- 19.29 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 19.30 Subd. 21e. NORMAL RETIREMENT DATE. "Normal retirement
- 19.31 date" means the last day of the month in which a judge attains
- 19.32 the age of 65.
- 19.33 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.121,
- 19.34 subdivision 22, is amended to read:
- 19.35 Subd. 22. **SERVICE CREDIT LIMIT.** "Service credit limit"
- 19.36 means the greater of: (1) 24 years of allowable service

- 20.1 under this chapter 490; or (2) for judges with allowable service
- 20.2 rendered prior to before July 1, 1980, the number of years of
- 20.3 allowable service under chapter 490, which, when multiplied by
- 20.4 the percentage listed in section 356.315, subdivision 7 or 8,
- 20.5 whichever is applicable to each year of service, equals 76.8.
- 20.6 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.121, is
- 20.7 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 20.8 Subd. 23. SURVIVING SPOUSE. "Surviving spouse" means the
- 20.9 surviving legally married spouse of a deceased judge.
- 20.10 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.121, is
- 20.11 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 20.12 Subd. 24. **SURVIVOR'S ANNUITY.** "Survivor's annuity" means
- 20.13 an annuity to which a surviving spouse or dependent child is
- 20.14 entitled under section 490.124, subdivision 9.
- 20.15 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.122, is
- 20.16 amended to read:
- 20.17 490.122 ADMINISTRATION OF JUDGES' RETIREMENT.
- 20.18 Subdivision 1. ADMINISTRATION. The policy-making,
- 20.19 management, and administrative functions governing the operation
- 20.20 of the judges' retirement fund and the administration
- 20.21 of sections 490.121 to 490.132 this chapter are vested in the
- 20.22 board of directors and executive director of the Minnesota State
- 20.23 Retirement System with such. In administering the plan and
- 20.24 fund, the board and the director have the same duties,
- 20.25 authority, and responsibility as are provided in chapter 352.
- 20.26 Subd. 2. INAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN LAWS. Except as
- 20.27 otherwise specified, no provision of chapter 352 applies to the
- 20.28 judges' retirement fund or any judge.
- 20.29 Subd. 3. **FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY.** Fiduciary
- 20.30 activities of relating to the uniform judges' retirement and
- 20.31 Survivors' Annuities for Judges plan must be undertaken in a
- 20.32 manner consistent with chapter 356A.
- 20.33 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.123,
- 20.34 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 20.35 Subdivision 1. FUND CREATION; REVENUE AND AUTHORIZED
- 20.36 **DISBURSEMENTS.** (a) There is created a special fund to be known

- 21.1 as the "judges' retirement fund".
- 21.2 (b) The judges' retirement fund must be credited with all
- 21.3 contributions -; all interest, dividends, and other investment
- 21.4 proceeds; and all other income authorized by this chapter or
- 21.5 other applicable law.
- 21.6 (c) From this fund there are appropriated the payments
- 21.7 authorized by sections 490.121 to 490.132, in the amounts and at
- 21.8 the times provided, including the necessary and reasonable
- 21.9 expenses of the Minnesota State Retirement System in
- 21.10 administering the fund and the transfers to the Minnesota
- 21.11 postretirement investment fund.
- 21.12 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.123,
- 21.13 subdivision 1a, is amended to read:
- 21.14 Subd. 1a. MEMBER CONTRIBUTION RATES. (a) A judge who is
- 21.15 covered by the federal Old Age, Survivors, Disability, and
- 21.16 Health Insurance Program and whose service does not exceed the
- 21.17 service credit limit in section 490.121, subdivision 22, shall
- 21.18 contribute to the fund from each salary payment a sum equal to
- 21.19 8.00 percent of salary.
- 21.20 (b) A judge not so covered whose service does not exceed
- 21.21 the service credit limit in section 490.121, subdivision 22,
- 21.22 shall contribute to the fund from each salary payment a sum
- 21.23 equal to 8.15 percent of salary.
- 21.24 (c) The contribution under this subdivision is payable by
- 21.25 salary deduction. The deduction must be made by the state court
- 21.26 administrator under section 352.04, subdivisions 4, 5, and 8.
- 21.27 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.123,
- 21.28 subdivision 1b, is amended to read:
- 21.29 Subd. 1b. **EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATE.** (a) The employer
- 21.30 contribution rate to the fund on behalf of a judge is 20.5
- 21.31 percent of salary and. The employer obligation continues after
- 21.32 a judge exceeds the service credit limit in section 490.121,
- 21.33 subdivision 22.
- 21.34 (b) The employer contribution must be paid by the state
- 21.35 court administrator and. The employer contribution is payable
- 21.36 at the same time as member contributions are made under

- 22.1 subdivision la or as employee contributions are made to the
- 22.2 unclassified plan in program governed by chapter 352D for judges
- 22.3 whose service exceeds the limit in section 490.121, subdivision
- 22.4 22, are remitted.
- 22.5 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.123,
- 22.6 subdivision 1c, is amended to read:
- 22.7 Subd. 1c. ADDITIONAL EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION. In the event
- 22.8 that If the employer contribution under subdivision 1b and the
- 22.9 assets of the judges retirement fund are insufficient to meet
- 22.10 reserve transfers to the Minnesota postretirement investment
- 22.11 fund or payments of survivor benefits before July 1, 1993 in a
- 22.12 month, the necessary amount is appropriated from the general
- 22.13 fund to the executive director of the Minnesota State Retirement
- 22.14 System, upon the certification of the required amount by the
- 22.15 executive director to the commissioner of finance.
- 22.16 Sec. 59. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.123,
- 22.17 subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 22.18 Subd. 2. COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE. The commissioner of
- 22.19 finance shall be is the ex officio treasurer of the judges'
- 22.20 retirement fund and the. The commissioner's general bond to the
- 22.21 state $\frac{\text{shall}}{\text{must}}$ must be $\frac{\text{so}}{\text{conditioned}}$ to cover all liability for
- 22.22 acting as the treasurer of this the fund. All moneys money
- 22.23 received by the commissioner pursuant to under this section
- 22.24 shall must be set aside in the state treasury to the credit of
- 22.25 the judges' retirement fund. The commissioner shall transmit
- 22.26 monthly to the executive director described in section 352.03,
- 22.27 subdivision 5, a detailed statement of all amounts so received
- 22.28 and credited to the fund. The commissioner shall pay out the
- 22.29 fund only upon vouchers signed by said executive director;
- 22.30 provided that vouchers for investment may be signed by the
- 22.31 secretary of the State Board of Investment.
- 22.32 Sec. 60. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.123,
- 22.33 subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 22.34 Subd. 3. INVESTMENT. (a) The executive director referred
- 22.35 to in subdivision 2 of the Minnesota State Retirement System
- 22.36 shall, from time to time, certify to the State Board of

- 23.1 Investment such portions of the judges' retirement fund as in
- 23.2 the director's judgment may not be required for immediate use.
- 23.3 (b) Assets from the judges' retirement fund shall must be
- 23.4 transferred to the Minnesota postretirement investment fund for
- 23.5 retirement and disability benefits as provided in sections
- 23.6 11A.18 and 352.119.
- 23.7 (c) The State Board of Investment shall thereupon invest
- 23.8 and reinvest sums so transferred, or certified, in such
- 23.9 securities as are duly authorized legal investments for such
- 23.10 purposes under section 11A.24 in compliance with sections
- 23.11 356A.04 and 356A.06.
- 23.12 Sec. 61. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.124,
- 23.13 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 23.14 Subdivision 1. BASIC RETIREMENT ANNUITY. (a) Except as
- 23.15 qualified hereinafter from and after the mandatory retirement
- 23.16 date, the normal retirement date, the early retirement date, or
- 23.17 one year from the disability retirement date, as the case may
- 23.18 be, a retiring judge is eligible to receive a retirement annuity
- 23.19 shall be payable to a retiring judge from the judges' retirement
- 23.20 fund $\frac{in}{n}$.
- 23.21 (b) The retirement annuity is an amount equal to: (1) the
- 23.22 percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 7, multiplied
- 23.23 by the judge's final average compensation with that result then
- 23.24 multiplied by the number of years and fractions of years of
- 23.25 allowable service rendered prior to before July 1, 1980; plus
- 23.26 (2) the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 8,
- 23.27 multiplied by the judge's final average compensation with that
- 23.28 result then multiplied by the number of years and fractions of
- 23.29 years of allowable service rendered after June 30, 1980.
- 23.30 (c) Service that exceeds the service credit limit in
- 23.31 section 490.121, subdivision 22, must be excluded in calculating
- 23.32 the retirement annuity, but the compensation earned by the judge
- 23.33 during this period of judicial service must be used in
- 23.34 determining a judge's final average compensation and calculating
- 23.35 the retirement annuity.
- 23.36 Sec. 62. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.124,

- 24.1 subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 24.2 Subd. 2. MINIMUM SERVICE REQUIREMENT; EXTENSION OF TERM.
- 24.3 No (a) Unless section 356.30 applies, a judge shall be is not
- 24.4 eligible for an annuity at the normal retirement date or the
- 24.5 early retirement date if the judge has less than five years of
- 24.6 allowable service.
- 24.7 (b) A judge who shall retire retires on or, as permitted
- 24.8 under sections 490.121 to 490.132, after the judge's mandatory
- 24.9 retirement date, $\frac{1}{1}$ entitled to a proportionate annuity
- 24.10 based upon the allowable service of the judge at the date of
- 24.11 retirement.
- 24.12 A judge who was in office on December 31, 1973, and
- 24.13 thereafter and who, by the date on which the current term
- 24.14 expires, would not be eligible to retire with full benefits
- 24.15 under statutes in effect on December 31, 1973, may apply to the
- 24.16 governor for an extension to serve up to three additional years,
- 24.17 stating the intention of the judge to retire upon attaining
- 24.18 eligibility to receive a retirement allowance. Notwithstanding
- 24.19 section 490.125, the governor shall forthwith make a written
- 24.20 order accepting the retirement application, and extending the
- 24.21 term of office of the judge for the period of time, not to
- 24.22 exceed three years, as may be necessary to make the judge
- 24.23 eligible for retirement, solely for purposes of computing
- 24.24 benefits hereunder.
- 24.25 Sec. 63. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.124,
- 24.26 subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 24.27 Subd. 3. **EARLY <u>REDUCED</u> RETIREMENT.** The retirement
- 24.28 annuity provided by under subdivision 1 of any judge electing
- 24.29 who elects to retire at an early retirement date shall must be
- 24.30 reduced by one-half of one percent per month from the retirement
- 24.31 date to the normal retirement date.
- 24.32 Sec. 64. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.124,
- 24.33 subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 24.34 Subd. 4. **DISABILITY RETIREMENT.** (a) When the governor
- 24.35 determines that a judge is disabled under section 490.121,
- 24.36 subdivision 13, notice of the governor's determination must be

- 25.1 sent to the judge, to the chief justice of the Supreme Court, to
- 25.2 the state court administrator, and to the executive director of
- 25.3 the Minnesota State Retirement System.
- 25.4 (b) From and after disability retirement date, a disabled
- 25.5 judge shall be is entitled to continuation of the judge's full
- 25.6 salary payable by the judge's employer, as if the judge's office
- 25.7 were not vacated by retirement, for a period of up to one full
- 25.8 year, but in no event beyond the judge's mandatory retirement
- 25.9 date. During this year the judge will is entitled to earn
- 25.10 additional service credit in the judges' retirement plan. The
- 25.11 salary earned will be payable to a disabled judge is subject to
- 25.12 retirement deductions and will must be included in computing
- 25.13 final average compensation of the judge. Thereafter
- 25.14 (c) At the conclusion of the year of continued salary
- 25.15 following a disability or upon the judge's mandatory retirement
- 25.16 date, whichever is earlier, the disabled judge is entitled to a
- 25.17 disability retirement annuity computed as provided in
- 25.18 subdivision 1 shall be paid, provided that. If the computed
- 25.19 $\underline{\text{retirement annuity is a smaller amount,}}$ the judge $\underline{\text{shall is}}$
- 25.20 entitled to receive a minimum annuity of 25 percent of the
- 25.21 judge's final average compensation.
- 25.22 Sec. 65. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.124,
- 25.23 subdivision 5, is amended to read:
- 25.24 Subd. 5. **DEFERRED BENEFITS.** (a) $\frac{Any}{A}$ benefit to which a
- 25.25 judge is entitled under this section may be deferred until the
- 25.26 early or normal retirement date or later, notwithstanding the
- 25.27 termination of $\frac{\text{such}}{\text{the}}$ judge's service prior thereto.
- 25.28 (b) The retirement annuity of, or the survivor benefit
- 25.29 payable on behalf of, a former judge, who terminated service
- 25.30 before July 1, 1997, which is not first payable until after June
- 25.31 30, 1997, must be increased on an actuarial equivalent basis to
- 25.32 reflect the change in the postretirement interest rate actuarial
- 25.33 assumption under section 356.215, subdivision 8, from five
- 25.34 percent to six percent under a calculation procedure and tables
- 25.35 adopted by the board of directors of the Minnesota State
- 25.36 Retirement System and approved by the actuary retained by the

- 26.1 Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement under section
- 26.2 356.214.
- 26.3 Sec. 66. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.124,
- 26.4 subdivision 8, is amended to read:
- 26.5 Subd. 8. **EXCLUSIVE NORMAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS.** Any (a)
- 26.6 Except as provided in paragraph (b), a judge who retires after
- 26.7 December 31, 1973, shall be is entitled to a retirement pension,
- 26.8 retirement compensation or other retirement payment under
- 26.9 statutes applicable solely to judges pursuant to under this
- 26.10 section only, except that any such.
- 26.11 (b) A judge who was in office prior to before January 1,
- 26.12 1974, who retires at or after normal retirement age may then
- 26.13 elect to receive during the judge's lifetime a normal retirement
- 26.14 annuity computed on the basis of retirement compensation
- 26.15 provided for such judge under statutes in effect on December 31,
- 26.16 1973, in lieu of the amount of normal retirement annuity
- 26.17 otherwise computed under sections 490.121 to 490.132.
- 26.18 For purposes of this subdivision, the Conciliation Court of
- 26.19 the city of Duluth shall be deemed to have been a court of
- 26.20 record by the statutes in effect on December 31, 1973.
- 26.21 Sec. 67. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.124,
- 26.22 subdivision 9, is amended to read:
- 26.23 Subd. 9. SURVIVORS' ANNUITY. (a) Upon the death of a
- 26.24 judge prior to before retirement, or upon the death of a person
- 26.25 who has qualified for an annuity under this section but who
- 26.26 ceases to be a judge prior to before retirement and has who not
- 26.27 received a refund of contributions pursuant to under subdivision
- 26.28 12, a surviving spouse is entitled to, or, if there be no
- 26.29 surviving spouse, dependent children, shall are entitled to
- 26.30 receive an annuity, payable monthly, equal in total to 60
- 26.31 percent of the normal retirement annuity which would have been
- 26.32 payable to the judge or former judge had the date of death been
- 26.33 the normal retirement date, provided that the.
- 26.34 (b) The annuity payable to a surviving spouse or to
- 26.35 dependent children shall receive an annuity is an amount of not
- 26.36 less than 25 percent of the judge's or the former judge's final

- 27.1 average compensation.
- 27.2 If a judge, whose surviving spouse was not entitled to
- 27.3 survivors benefits provided solely for judges under statutes in
- 27.4 effect prior to January 1, 1974, shall have died prior to
- 27.5 retirement on or after May 23, 1973 and before January 1, 1974,
- 27.6 a surviving spouse and dependent children, if any, shall be
- 27.7 entitled to survivors benefits as provided hereunder as if such
- 27.8 judge had died on January 1, 1974.
- 27.9 Sec. 68. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.124,
- 27.10 subdivision 10, is amended to read:
- 27.11 Subd. 10. PRIOR SURVIVORS' BENEFITS; LIMITATION. (a)
- 27.12 Benefits provided pursuant to under Minnesota Statutes 2004,
- 27.13 section 490.102, subdivision 6, or 490.1091, for a surviving
- 27.14 spouse of a retired judge, payable after the death of the judge,
- 27.15 shall be are limited to÷
- 27.16 (a) spouses of judges who have retired prior to before
- 27.17 January 1, 1974; and .
- 27.18 (b) spouses of judges in office on December 31, 1973 and
- 27.19 thereafter who elect to continue contributions pursuant to
- 27.20 section 490.102, subdivision 6 or 490.109. The contributions
- 27.21 shall be in addition to contributions pursuant to section
- 27.22 490.123, and upon retirement the judge may not elect to receive
- 27.23 any optional annuity pursuant to subdivision 11 unless the judge
- 27.24 and the spouse shall waive any benefits pursuant to section
- 27.25 490.102, subdivision 6 or 490.1091.
- 27.26 (b) No other judge in office on or after January 1, 1974,
- $27.27 \frac{\text{shall be}}{\text{shall be}} \text{ is} \text{ required to contribute } \frac{\text{pursuant to}}{\text{under Minnesota}}$
- 27.28 <u>Statutes 2004</u>, section 490.102, subdivision 6, or 490.109.
- 27.29 Sec. 69. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.124,
- 27.30 subdivision 11, is amended to read:
- 27.31 Subd. 11. LIMITATION ON SURVIVOR BENEFITS; OPTIONAL
- 27.32 ANNUITIES. (a) No survivor or death benefits may be paid in
- 27.33 connection with the death of a judge who retires after December
- 27.34 31, 1973, except as otherwise provided in sections 490.121 to
- 27.35 490.132.
- 27.36 (b) Except as provided in subdivision 10, a judge may elect

- 28.1 to receive, instead of the normal retirement annuity, an
- 28.2 optional retirement annuity in the form of either (1) an annuity
- 28.3 payable for a period certain and for life after that period, (2)
- 28.4 a joint and survivor annuity without reinstatement in the event
- 28.5 of if the designated beneficiary predeceasing predeceases the
- 28.6 retired judge, or (3) a joint and survivor annuity with
- 28.7 reinstatement in the event of if the designated beneficiary
- 28.8 predeceasing predeceases the retired judge.
- 28.9 (c) An optional retirement annuity must be actuarially
- 28.10 equivalent to a single-life annuity with no term certain and
- 28.11 must be established by the board of directors of the Minnesota
- 28.12 State Retirement System. In establishing these optional
- 28.13 retirement annuity forms, the board shall obtain the written
- 28.14 recommendation of the actuary retained by the Legislative
- 28.15 Commission on Pensions and Retirement under section 356.214.
- 28.16 The recommendations must be retained as a part of the permanent
- 28.17 records of the board.
- 28.18 Sec. 70. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.124,
- 28.19 subdivision 12, is amended to read:
- 28.20 Subd. 12. **REFUND.** (a) A person who ceases to be a
- 28.21 judge but who does not qualify for a retirement annuity or other
- 28.22 benefit under section 490.121 is entitled to a refund in an
- 28.23 amount that is equal to all of the member's employee
- 28.24 contributions to the judges' retirement fund plus interest
- 28.25 computed under section 352.22, subdivision 2.
- 28.26 (b) A refund of contributions under paragraph (a)
- 28.27 terminates all service credits and all rights and benefits of
- 28.28 the judge and the judge's survivors under this chapter.
- 28.29 (c) A person who becomes a judge again after taking a
- 28.30 refund under paragraph (a) may reinstate the previously
- 28.31 terminated allowable service credits credit, rights, and
- 28.32 benefits by repaying the total amount of the previously received
- 28.33 refund. The refund repayment must include interest on the total
- 28.34 amount previously received at an annual rate of 8.5 percent,
- 28.35 compounded annually, from the date on which the refund was
- 28.36 received until the date on which the refund is repaid.

- 29.1 Sec. 71. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.124,
- 29.2 subdivision 13, is amended to read:
- 29.3 Subd. 13. **DEATH REFUND.** If a judge who has not received
- 29.4 other benefits under this chapter dies and there are no survivor
- 29.5 benefits payable under this chapter, a refund plus interest as
- 29.6 provided in subdivision 12 is payable to the last designated
- 29.7 beneficiary named on a form filed with the director before the
- 29.8 death of the judge, or, if no designation is on file, the refund
- 29.9 is payable to the estate of the deceased judge.
- 29.10 Sec. 72. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.125,
- 29.11 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 29.12 Subdivision 1. MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE. Except as
- 29.13 otherwise provided in sections 490.121 to 490.132, each a judge
- 29.14 shall retire terminate active service as a judge on the judge's
- 29.15 mandatory retirement date.
- 29.16 Sec. 73. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.126, is
- 29.17 amended to read:
- 29.18 490.126 **PROCEDURES.**
- 29.19 Subdivision 1. COMPULSORY RETIREMENT. Proceedings for
- 29.20 compulsory retirement of a judge, if necessary, shall must be
- 29.21 conducted in accordance with rules issued by the Supreme Court
- 29.22 pursuant to under section 490.16.
- 29.23 Subd. 2. VACANCIES. Any judge may make written
- 29.24 application to the governor for retirement. The governor
- 29.25 thereupon shall direct the judge's retirement by written order
- 29.26 which, when filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, shall
- $29.27 \ \underline{\text{effects}}$ a vacancy in the office to be filled as provided
- 29.28 by law.
- 29.29 Subd. 3. APPLICATION FOR ANNUITY OR REFUND. An
- 29.30 application for an annuity or \underline{a} refund under sections 490.121 to
- 29.31 490.132 may be made by the potential annuitant or by someone
- 29.32 authorized to act for the potential annuitant. Every
- 29.33 application for an annuity or refund, with accompanied by a
- 29.34 proof of age and by a record of years of service when
- 29.35 required, shall must be submitted to the governing
- 29.36 body executive director of the Minnesota State Retirement System

- 30.1 in a form prescribed by it the director.
- 30.2 Subd. 4. MANNER OF PAYMENT. Unless otherwise
- 30.3 specifically provided by statute or agreed upon by the annuitant
- 30.4 and the governing body board of directors of the Minnesota State
- 30.5 Retirement System, annuities payable under sections 490.121 to
- 30.6 490.132 shall must be paid in the manner and at the intervals as
- 30.7 prescribed by the executive director of the Minnesota State
- 30.8 Retirement System. The annuity shall cease ceases with the last
- 30.9 payment received by the annuitant while living.
- 30.10 Subd. 5. EXEMPTION FROM PROCESS; NO ASSIGNMENT. None of
- 30.11 the money, annuities, or other benefits provided in this chapter
- 30.12 is assignable either in law or equity or is subject to state
- 30.13 estate tax, or to execution, levy, attachment, garnishment, or
- 30.14 other legal process, except as provided in section 518.58,
- 30.15 518.581, or 518.6111.
- 30.16 Sec. 74. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.133, is
- 30.17 amended to read:
- 30.18 490.133 RETIREMENT; TRANSITION PROVISIONS; TRANSFER TO
- 30.19 COURT OF APPEALS.
- 30.20 (a) If a judge to whom or to whose survivors benefits would
- 30.21 be payable under Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 490.101 to
- 30.22 490.12, is elected or appointed to the Court of Appeals, that
- 30.23 judge and the judge's survivors, shall continue to be eligible
- 30.24 for benefits under those sections and not under sections 490.121
- 30.25 to 490.132.
- 30.26 (b) In that the case of a judge to whom paragraph (a)
- 30.27 applies, the service of the judge in the Court of Appeals shall
- 30.28 <u>must</u> be added to the <u>prior</u> service as district judge, probate
- 30.29 judge, or judge of any other court of record in determining
- 30.30 eligibility and the compensation of a judge of the Court of
- 30.31 Appeals at the time of the judge's death, disability, or
- 30.32 retirement $\frac{1}{100}$ $\frac{1}{100}$ the "compensation allotted to the office"
- 30.33 for the purposes of calculating benefit amounts.
- (c) All other judges of the Court of Appeals and their
- 30.35 survivors $\frac{\text{shall be}}{\text{are}}$ subject to the retirement and survivor's
- 30.36 annuity provisions of sections 490.121 to 490.132.

- 31.1 Sec. 75. 490A.01 BOARD OF JUDICIAL STANDARDS;
- 31.2 **ESTABLISHMENT.**
- 31.3 Subdivision 1. **ESTABLISHMENT; COMPOSITION.** The Board on
- 31.4 Judicial Standards is established. The board is a continuation
- 31.5 of the board established by Laws 1971, chapter 909, sections 1
- 31.6 and 2, as amended.
- 31.7 Subd. 2. COMPOSITION; APPOINTMENT. (a) The board
- 31.8 consists of one judge of the Court of Appeals, three trial court
- 31.9 judges, two lawyers who have practiced law in the state for at
- 31.10 least ten years, and four citizens who are not judges, retired
- 31.11 judges, or lawyers.
- 31.12 (b) All members must be appointed by the governor with the
- 31.13 advice and consent of the senate. Senate confirmation is not
- 31.14 required for judicial members.
- 31.15 Subd. 3. TERM MAXIMUM; MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION. No member
- 31.16 may serve more than two full four-year terms or their equivalent.
- 31.17 Membership terminates if a member ceases to hold the position
- 31.18 that qualified the member for appointment.
- 31.19 Subd. 4. MEMBER TERMS; COMPENSATION; REMOVAL. The
- 31.20 $\underline{\text{membership terms}}$, compensation, removal of members, and filling
- 31.21 of vacancies on the board are as provided in section 15.0575.
- 31.22 Subd. 5. **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY APPOINTMENT; SALARY.** (a)
- 31.23 The board shall appoint the executive secretary.
- 31.24 (b) The salary of the executive secretary of the board is
- 31.25 85 percent of the maximum salary provided for an administrative
- 31.26 law judge under section 15A.083, subdivision 6a.
- 31.27 Sec. 76. 490a.02 JUDICIAL STANDARDS BOARD; POWERS.
- 31.28 <u>Subdivision 1.</u> **JUDICIAL DISQUALIFICATION.** A judge is
- 31.29 disqualified from acting as a judge, without a loss of salary,
- 31.30 while there is pending an indictment or any information charging
- 31.31 the judge with a crime that is punishable as a felony under
- 31.32 either Minnesota law or federal law, or while there is pending a
- 31.33 recommendation to the Supreme Court by the Board on Judicial
- 31.34 Standards for the judge's removal or retirement.
- 31.35 Subd. 2. JUDICIAL SUSPENSION. On receipt of a
- 31.36 recommendation of the Board on Judicial Standards or on its own

- 32.1 motion, the Supreme Court may suspend a judge from office
- 32.2 without salary when the judge pleads guilty to or no contest to
- 32.3 or is found guilty of a crime that is punishable as a felony
- 32.4 under either Minnesota law or federal law or any other crime
- 32.5 that involves moral turpitude. If the conviction is reversed,
- 32.6 the suspension terminates and the judge must be paid a salary
- 32.7 for the period of suspension. If the judge is suspended and the
- 32.8 conviction becomes final, the Supreme Court shall remove the
- 32.9 judge from office.
- 32.10 Subd. 3. JUDICIAL DISABILITY. On receipt of a
- 32.11 recommendation of the Board on Judicial Standards, the Supreme
- 32.12 Court may retire a judge for a disability that the court
- 32.13 determines seriously interferes with the performance of the
- 32.14 judge's duties and is or is likely to become permanent, and
- 32.15 censure or remove a judge for an action or inaction that may
- 32.16 constitute persistent failure to perform the judge's duties,
- 32.17 incompetence in performing the judge's duties, habitual
- 32.18 intemperance, or conduct prejudicial to the administration of
- 32.19 justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute.
- 32.20 Subd. 4. AUTHORITY TO REOPEN MATTERS. The board is
- 32.21 specifically empowered to reopen any matter wherein any
- 32.22 information or evidence was previously precluded by a statute of
- 32.23 limitations or by a previously existing provision of time
- 32.24 <u>limitation</u>.
- 32.25 Subd. 5. **RETIREMENT STATUS.** (a) A judge who is retired
- 32.26 by the Supreme Court must be considered to have retired
- 32.27 voluntarily.
- 32.28 (b) This section and section 490A.01 must not affect the
- 32.29 right of a judge who is suspended, retired, or removed hereunder
- 32.30 from qualifying for any pension or other retirement benefits to
- 32.31 which the judge would otherwise be entitled by law to receive.
- 32.32 <u>Subd. 6.</u> **ELIGIBILITY FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE; PRACTICE**
- 32.33 LAW. A judge removed by the Supreme Court is ineligible for any
- 32.34 future service in a judicial office. The question of the right
- $32.35 \ \underline{\text{of a removed judge to practice law in this state must be}$
- 32.36 referred to the proper authority for review.

- 33.1 Subd. 7. SUPREME COURT RULES. The Supreme Court shall
- 33.2 make rules to implement this section.
- 33.3 Sec. 77. REPEALER; EFFECT ON BENEFIT COVERAGE.
- 33.4 Subdivision 1. LEGISLATORS RETIREMENT PLAN; REPEALED AS
- 33.5 **OBSOLETE.** Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 3A.01, subdivisions
- 33.6 <u>3, 4, 6a, and 7; 3A.02, subdivision 2;</u> 3A.04, subdivision 1; and
- 33.7 3A.09, are repealed.
- 33.8 Subd. 2. ELECTIVE STATE OFFICERS RETIREMENT PLAN;
- 33.9 **REPEALED AS OBSOLETE.** Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections
- 33.10 352C.01; 352C.011; 352C.021; 352C.031; 352C.033; 352C.04;
- 33.11 352C.051; <u>352C.09; and 352C.091, subdivisions 2 and 3, are</u>
- 33.12 repealed.
- 33.13 Subd. 3. JUDICIAL RETIREMENT PLANS; REPEALED AS
- 33.14 OBSOLETE. Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 490.021; 490.025,
- 33.15 subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6; 490.101; 490.102; 490.103;
- 33.16 490.105; 490.106; 490.107; 490.108; 490.109; 490.1091; 490.12;
- 33.17 and 490.121, subdivisions 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18,
- 33.18 19, and 20, are repealed.
- 33.19 Subd. 4. JUDICIAL STANDARDS BOARD; REPEALED FOR
- 33.20 RELOCATION AS MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 490A. Minnesota
- 33.21 Statutes 2004, sections 490.021; 490.025, subdivisions 1, 2, 3,
- 33.22 4, and 6; 490.101; 490.102; 490.103; 490.105; 490.106; 490.107;
- 33.23 490.108; 490.109; 490.1091; 490.12; and 490.121, subdivisions 2,
- 33.24 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20, are repealed.
- 33.25 Subd. 5. UNIFORM JUDICIAL RETIREMENT PLAN; NO BENEFIT
- 33.26 **DIMINISHMENT INTENDED; PROCEDURE.** Sections 32 to 76 are not
- 33.27 intended to reduce or increase the entitlement of active,
- 33.28 deferred, or retired judges to retirement annuities or benefits
- 33.29 as of July 1, 2005, as reflected in the records of the Minnesota
- 33.30 State Retirement System. If the executive director of the
- 33.31 Minnesota State Retirement System determines that any provisions
- 33.32 of sections 32 to 76 functions to modify, impair, or diminish
- 33.33 the retirement annuity or benefit entitlement of any judge that
- 33.34 had accrued or earned before July 1, 2005, the executive
- 33.35 director shall certify that determination and a recommendation
- 33.36 as to the required legislative correction to the chair of the

- 34.1 Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, the chair of
- 34.2 the Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee,
- 34.3 the chair of the House Governmental Operations and Veterans
- 34.4 Affairs Policy Committee, and the executive director of the
- 34.5 Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement on or before
- 34.6 the October 1 next following that determination.
- 34.7 Sec. 78. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 34.8 Sections 1 to 77 are effective on July 1, 2005.
- 34.9 ARTICLE 2
- 34.10 COVERED SALARY; AVERAGE SALARY
- 34.11 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.01, is
- 34.12 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 34.13 Subd. 14a. AVERAGE SALARY. (a) "Average salary" means
- 34.14 the average of the highest five successive years of salary upon
- 34.15 which the employee has made contributions to the retirement fund
- 34.16 by payroll deductions. Average salary must be based upon all
- 34.17 allowable service if this service is less than five years.
- 34.18 (b) "Average salary" does not include the payment of
- 34.19 accrued unused annual leave or overtime paid at time of final
- 34.20 separation from state service if paid in a lump sum nor does it
- 34.21 include the reduced salary, if any, paid during the period the
- 34.22 employee is entitled to workers' compensation benefit payments
- 34.23 for temporary disability.
- 34.24 (c) For an employee covered by the correctional state
- 34.25 employees retirement plan, "average salary" means the average of
- 34.26 the monthly salary during the employee's highest five successive
- 34.27 years of salary as an employee covered by the general state
- 34.28 employees retirement plan, or the correctional state employees
- 34.29 retirement plan, or by a combination of the two. If the total
- 34.30 of the covered service is less than five years, the
- 34.31 determination of average salary must be based on all allowable
- 34.32 service.
- 34.33 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.115,
- 34.34 subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 34.35 Subd. 2. AVERAGE SALARY NORMAL RETIREMENT ANNUITY. The
- 34.36 retirement annuity hereunder payable at normal retirement age or

- 35.1 thereafter must be computed in accordance with the applicable
- 35.2 provisions of the formula stated in subdivision 3, on the basis
- 35.3 of the employee's average salary for the period of allowable
- 35.4 service. This retirement annuity is known as the "normal"
- 35.5 retirement annuity.
- 35.6 For each year of allowable service, "average salary" of an
- 35.7 employee in determining a retirement annuity means the average
- 35.8 of the highest five successive years of salary upon which the
- 35.9 employee has made contributions to the retirement fund by
- 35.10 payroll deductions. Average salary must be based upon all
- 35.11 allowable service if this service is less than five years.
- 35.12 "Average salary" does not include the payment of accrued
- 35.13 unused annual leave or overtime paid at time of final separation
- 35.14 from state service if paid in a lump sum nor does it include the
- 35.15 reduced salary, if any, paid during the period the employee is
- 35.16 entitled to workers' compensation benefit payments for temporary
- 35.17 disability.
- 35.18 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.115,
- 35.19 subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 35.20 Subd. 3. RETIREMENT ANNUITY FORMULA. (a) This paragraph,
- 35.21 in conjunction with section 352.116, subdivision 1, applies to a
- 35.22 person who became a covered employee or a member of a pension
- 35.23 fund listed in section 356.30, subdivision 3, before July 1,
- 35.24 1989, unless paragraph (b), in conjunction with section 352.116,
- 35.25 subdivision la, produces a higher annuity amount, in which case
- 35.26 paragraph (b) will apply. The employee's average salary, as
- 35.27 defined in section 352.01, subdivision $\frac{2}{2}$ 14a, multiplied by the
- 35.28 percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 1, per year of
- 35.29 allowable service for the first ten years and the percent
- 35.30 specified in section 356.315, subdivision 2, for each later year
- 35.31 of allowable service and pro rata for completed months less than
- 35.32 a full year shall determine the amount of the retirement annuity
- 35.33 to which the employee is entitled.
- 35.34 (b) This paragraph applies to a person who has become at
- 35.35 least 55 years old and first became a covered employee after
- 35.36 June 30, 1989, and to any other covered employee who has become

- 36.1 at least 55 years old and whose annuity amount, when calculated
- 36.2 under this paragraph and in conjunction with section 352.116,
- 36.3 subdivision la, is higher than it is when calculated under
- 36.4 paragraph (a), in conjunction with section 352.116, subdivision
- 36.5 1. The employee's average salary, as defined in section 352.01,
- 36.6 subdivision 2 14a, multiplied by the percent specified in
- 36.7 section 356.315, subdivision 2, for each year of allowable
- 36.8 service and pro rata for months less than a full year shall
- 36.9 determine the amount of the retirement annuity to which the
- 36.10 employee is entitled.
- 36.11 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.87,
- 36.12 subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 36.13 Subd. 3. RETIREMENT ANNUITY FORMULA. A person specified
- 36.14 in subdivision 1 will have is entitled to receive a retirement
- 36.15 annuity applicable for allowable service credit under this
- 36.16 section calculated by multiplying the employee's average salary,
- 36.17 as defined in section 352.115 352.01, subdivision 2 14a, by the
- 36.18 percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 2a, for each
- 36.19 year or portions of a year of allowable service credit. No
- 36.20 reduction for retirement prior to before the normal retirement
- 36.21 age, as specified in section 352.01, subdivision 25, applies to
- 36.22 service to which this section applies.
- 36.23 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.93,
- 36.24 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 36.25 Subdivision 1. BASIS OF ANNUITY; WHEN TO APPLY. After
- 36.26 separation from state service, an employee covered under section
- 36.27 352.91 who has reached age 55 years and has credit for at least
- 36.28 three years of covered correctional service or a combination of
- 36.29 covered correctional service and regular Minnesota general
- 36.30 employees state retirement System plan service is entitled upon
- 36.31 application to a retirement annuity under this section, based
- 36.32 only on covered correctional employees' service. Application
- 36.33 may be made no earlier than 60 days before the date the employee
- 36.34 is eligible to retire by reason of both age and service
- 36.35 requirements.

- 37.1 monthly salary during the employee's highest five successive
- 37.2 years of salary as an employee covered by the Minnesota State
- 37.3 Retirement System. Average salary must be based upon all
- 37.4 allowable service if this service is less than five years.
- 37.5 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352C.021, is
- 37.6 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 37.7 Subd. 1a. AVERAGE SALARY. "Average salary," for purposes
- 37.8 of calculating the normal retirement annuity under section
- 37.9 352C.031, subdivision 4, means the average of the highest five
- 37.10 successive years of salary upon which contributions have been
- 37.11 made under section 352C.09.
- 37.12 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353.01,
- 37.13 subdivision 10, is amended to read:
- 37.14 Subd. 10. SALARY. (a) "Salary" means:
- 37.15 (1) the periodic compensation of a public employee, before
- 37.16 deductions for deferred compensation, supplemental retirement
- 37.17 plans, or other voluntary salary reduction programs, and also
- 37.18 means "wages" and includes net income from fees;
- 37.19 (2) for a public employee who is covered by a supplemental
- 37.20 retirement plan under section 356.24, subdivision 1, clause (8),
- 37.21 (9), or (10), which require all plan contributions be made by
- 37.22 the employer, the contribution to the applicable supplemental
- 37.23 retirement plan when the contribution is from mandatory
- 37.24 withholdings from employees' wages; and
- (2) (3) for a public employee who has prior service covered
- 37.26 by a local police or firefighters relief association that has
- 37.27 consolidated with the Public Employees Retirement Association or
- 37.28 to which section 353.665 applies and who has elected coverage
- 37.29 either under the public employees police and fire fund benefit
- 37.30 plan under section 353A.08 following the consolidation or under
- 37.31 section 353.665, subdivision 4, the rate of salary upon which
- 37.32 member contributions to the special fund of the relief
- 37.33 association were made prior to the effective date of the
- 37.34 consolidation as specified by law and by bylaw provisions
- 37.35 governing the relief association on the date of the initiation
- 37.36 of the consolidation procedure and the actual periodic

- 38.1 compensation of the public employee after the effective date of
- 38.2 consolidation.
- 38.3 (b) Salary does not mean:
- 38.4 (1) the fees paid to district court reporters, unused
- 38.5 annual vacation or sick leave payments, in lump-sum or periodic
- 38.6 payments, severance payments, reimbursement of expenses,
- 38.7 lump-sum settlements not attached to a specific earnings period,
- 38.8 or workers' compensation payments;
- 38.9 (2) employer-paid amounts used by an employee toward the
- 38.10 cost of insurance coverage, employer-paid fringe benefits,
- 38.11 flexible spending accounts, cafeteria plans, health care expense
- 38.12 accounts, day care expenses, or any payments in lieu of any
- 38.13 employer-paid group insurance coverage, including the difference
- 38.14 between single and family rates that may be paid to a member
- 38.15 with single coverage and certain amounts determined by the
- 38.16 executive director to be ineligible;
- 38.17 (3) the amount equal to that which the employing
- 38.18 governmental subdivision would otherwise pay toward single or
- 38.19 family insurance coverage for a covered employee when, through a
- 38.20 contract or agreement with some but not all employees, the
- 38.21 employer:
- 38.22 (i) discontinues, or for new hires does not provide,
- 38.23 payment toward the cost of the employee's selected insurance
- 38.24 coverages under a group plan offered by the employer;
- 38.25 (ii) makes the employee solely responsible for all
- 38.26 contributions toward the cost of the employee's selected
- 38.27 insurance coverages under a group plan offered by the employer,
- 38.28 including any amount the employer makes toward other employees'
- 38.29 selected insurance coverages under a group plan offered by the
- 38.30 employer; and
- 38.31 (iii) provides increased salary rates for employees who do
- 38.32 not have any employer-paid group insurance coverages;
- 38.33 (4) except as provided in section 353.86 or 353.87,
- 38.34 compensation of any kind paid to volunteer ambulance service
- 38.35 personnel or volunteer firefighters, as defined in subdivision
- 38.36 35 or 36; and

- 39.1 (5) the amount of compensation that exceeds the limitation
- 39.2 provided in section 356.611.
- 39.3 (c) Amounts provided to an employee by the employer through
- 39.4 a grievance proceeding or a legal settlement are salary only if
- 39.5 the settlement is reviewed by the executive director and the
- 39.6 amounts are determined by the executive director to be
- 39.7 consistent with paragraph (a) and prior determinations.
- 39.8 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353.01, is
- 39.9 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 39.10 Subd. 17a. AVERAGE SALARY. (a) "Average salary," for
- 39.11 purposes of calculating a retirement annuity under section
- 39.12 353.29, subdivision 3, means an amount equivalent to the average
- 39.13 of the highest salary of the member, police officer, or
- 39.14 firefighter, whichever applies, upon which employee
- 39.15 contributions were paid for any five successive years of
- 39.16 allowable service, based on dates of salary periods as listed on
- 39.17 salary deduction reports. Average salary must be based upon all
- 39.18 allowable service if this service is less than five years.
- 39.19 (b) "Average salary" may not include any reduced salary
- 39.20 paid during a period in which the employee is entitled to
- 39.21 benefit payments from workers' compensation for temporary
- 39.22 disability, unless the average salary is higher, including this
- 39.23 <u>period</u>.
- 39.24 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353.29,
- 39.25 subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 39.26 Subd. 3. RETIREMENT ANNUITY FORMULA. (a) This paragraph,
- 39.27 in conjunction with section 353.30, subdivisions 1, 1a, 1b, and
- 39.28 1c, applies to any member who first became a public employee or
- 39.29 a member of a pension fund listed in section 356.30, subdivision
- 39.30 3, before July 1, 1989, unless paragraph (b), in conjunction
- 39.31 with section 353.30, subdivision 5, produces a higher annuity
- 39.32 amount, in which case paragraph (b) will apply. The average
- 39.33 salary as defined in section 353.01, subdivision $\frac{2}{2}$ 17a,
- 39.34 multiplied by the percent specified in section 356.315,
- 39.35 subdivision 3, for each year of allowable service for the first
- 39.36 ten years and thereafter by the percent specified in section

- 40.1 356.315, subdivision 4, per year of allowable service and
- 40.2 completed months less than a full year for the "basic member,"
- 40.3 and the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 1, for
- 40.4 each year of allowable service for the first ten years and
- 40.5 thereafter by the percent specified in section 356.315,
- 40.6 subdivision 2, per year of allowable service and completed
- 40.7 months less than a full year for the "coordinated member," shall
- 40.8 determine the amount of the "normal" retirement annuity.
- 40.9 (b) This paragraph applies to a member who has become at
- 40.10 least 55 years old and first became a public employee after June
- 40.11 30, 1989, and to any other member whose annuity amount, when
- 40.12 calculated under this paragraph and in conjunction with section
- 40.13 353.30, subdivision 5, is higher than it is when calculated
- 40.14 under paragraph (a), in conjunction with section 353.30,
- 40.15 subdivisions 1, 1a, 1b, and 1c. The average salary, as defined
- 40.16 in section 353.01, subdivision $\frac{2}{3}$ 17a, multiplied by the percent
- 40.17 specified in section 356.315, subdivision 4, for each year of
- 40.18 allowable service and completed months less than a full year for
- 40.19 a basic member and the percent specified in section 356.315,
- 40.20 subdivision 2, per year of allowable service and completed
- 40.21 months less than a full year for a coordinated member, shall
- 40.22 determine the amount of the normal retirement annuity.
- 40.23 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353.33,
- 40.24 subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 40.25 Subd. 3. **COMPUTATION OF BENEFITS.** This disability
- 40.26 benefit is an amount equal to the normal annuity payable to a
- 40.27 member who has reached normal retirement age with the same
- 40.28 number of years of allowable service and the same average
- 40.29 salary, as provided in section 353.01, subdivision 17a, and
- 40.30 section 353.29, subdivisions 2 and subdivision 3.
- 40.31 A basic member shall receive a supplementary monthly
- 40.32 benefit of \$25 to age 65 or the five-year anniversary of the
- 40.33 effective date of the disability benefit, whichever is later.
- 40.34 If the disability benefits under this subdivision exceed
- 40.35 the average salary as defined in section 353.29 353.01,
- 40.36 subdivision $\frac{2}{17a}$, the disability benefits must be reduced to an

- 41.1 amount equal to said the average salary.
- 41.2 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353.651,
- 41.3 subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 41.4 Subd. 3. RETIREMENT ANNUITY FORMULA. The average salary
- 41.5 as defined in section 353.01, subdivision $\frac{2}{3}$ 17a, multiplied by
- 41.6 the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 6, per
- 41.7 year of allowable service determines the amount of the normal
- 41.8 retirement annuity. If the member has earned allowable service
- 41.9 for performing services other than those of a police officer or
- 41.10 firefighter, the annuity representing $\frac{\text{such}}{\text{that}}$ service $\frac{\text{is}}{\text{must}}$
- 41.11 be computed under sections 353.29 and 353.30.
- 41.12 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353.656,
- 41.13 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 41.14 Subdivision 1. IN LINE OF DUTY; COMPUTATION OF BENEFITS.
- 41.15 A member of the police and fire plan who becomes disabled and
- 41.16 physically unfit to perform duties as a police officer,
- 41.17 firefighter, or paramedic as defined under section 353.64,
- 41.18 subdivision 10, as a direct result of an injury, sickness, or
- 41.19 other disability incurred in or arising out of any act of duty,
- 41.20 which has or is expected to render the member physically or
- 41.21 mentally unable to perform the duties as a police officer,
- 41.22 firefighter, or paramedic as defined under section 353.64,
- 41.23 subdivision 10, for a period of at least one year, shall receive
- 41.24 disability benefits during the period of such disability. The
- 41.25 benefits must be in an amount equal to 60 percent of the
- 41.26 "average salary" as defined in section 353.651 353.01,
- 41.27 subdivision $\frac{2}{17a}$, plus an additional percent specified in
- 41.28 section 356.315, subdivision 6, of that average salary for each
- 41.29 year of service in excess of 20 years. If the disability under
- 41.30 this subdivision occurs before the member has at least five
- 41.31 years of allowable service credit in the police and fire plan,
- 41.32 the disability benefit must be computed on the "average salary"
- 41.33 from which deductions were made for contribution to the police
- 41.34 and fire fund.
- 41.35 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 354.05, is
- 41.36 amended by adding a subdivision to read:

- 42.1 Subd. 13a. AVERAGE SALARY. (a) "Average salary," for the
- 42.2 purpose of determining the member's retirement annuity, means
- 42.3 the average salary upon which contributions were made for the
- 42.4 highest five successive years of formula service credit.
- 42.5 (b) "Average salary" may not include any more than the
- 42.6 equivalent of 60 monthly salary payments.
- 42.7 (c) "Average salary" must be based upon all years of
- 42.8 formula service credit if this service credit is less than five
- 42.9 <u>years.</u>
- 42.10 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 354.44,
- 42.11 subdivision 6, is amended to read:
- 42.12 Subd. 6. COMPUTATION OF FORMULA PROGRAM RETIREMENT
- 42.13 ANNUITY. (a) The formula retirement annuity must be computed in
- 42.14 accordance with the applicable provisions of the formulas stated
- 42.15 in paragraph (b) or (d) on the basis of each member's average
- 42.16 salary under section 354.05, subdivision 13a, for the period of
- 42.17 the member's formula service credit.
- 42.18 For all years of formula service credit, "average salary,"
- 42.19 for the purpose of determining the member's retirement annuity,
- 42.20 means the average salary upon which contributions were made and
- 42.21 upon which payments were made to increase the salary limitation
- 42.22 provided in Minnesota Statutes 1971, section 354.511, for the
- 42.23 highest five successive years of formula service credit
- 42.24 provided, however, that such "average salary" shall not include
- 42.25 any more than the equivalent of 60 monthly salary payments.
- 42.26 Average salary must be based upon all years of formula service
- 42.27 credit if this service credit is less than five years.
- 42.28 (b) This paragraph, in conjunction with paragraph (c),
- 42.29 applies to a person who first became a member of the association
- 42.30 or a member of a pension fund listed in section 356.30,
- 42.31 subdivision 3, before July 1, 1989, unless paragraph (d), in
- 42.32 conjunction with paragraph (e), produces a higher annuity
- 42.33 amount, in which case paragraph (d) applies. The average salary
- 42.34 as defined in paragraph (a) section 354.05, subdivision 13a,
- 42.35 multiplied by the following percentages per year of formula
- 42.36 service credit shall determine the amount of the annuity to

- 43.1 which the member qualifying therefor is entitled:
- 43.2 Coordinated Member Basic Member
- 43.3 Each year of service the percent the percent
- 43.4 during first ten specified in specified in
- 43.5 section 356.315, section 356.315,
- 43.6 subdivision 1, subdivision 3,
- per year per year
- 43.8 Each year of service the percent the percent
- 43.9 thereafter specified in specified in
- 43.10 section 356.315, section 356.315,
- 43.11 subdivision 2, subdivision 4,
- 43.12 per year per year
- 43.13 (c)(i) This paragraph applies only to a person who first
- 43.14 became a member of the association or a member of a pension fund
- 43.15 listed in section 356.30, subdivision 3, before July 1, 1989,
- 43.16 and whose annuity is higher when calculated under paragraph (b),
- 43.17 in conjunction with this paragraph than when calculated under
- 43.18 paragraph (d), in conjunction with paragraph (e).
- 43.19 (ii) Where any member retires prior to normal retirement
- 43.20 age under a formula annuity, the member shall be paid a
- 43.21 retirement annuity in an amount equal to the normal annuity
- 43.22 provided in paragraph (b) reduced by one-quarter of one percent
- 43.23 for each month that the member is under normal retirement age at
- 43.24 the time of retirement except that for any member who has 30 or
- 43.25 more years of allowable service credit, the reduction shall be
- 43.26 applied only for each month that the member is under age 62.
- 43.27 (iii) Any member whose attained age plus credited allowable
- 43.28 service totals 90 years is entitled, upon application, to a
- 43.29 retirement annuity in an amount equal to the normal annuity
- 43.30 provided in paragraph (b), without any reduction by reason of
- 43.31 early retirement.
- 43.32 (d) This paragraph applies to a member who has become at
- 43.33 least 55 years old and first became a member of the association
- 43.34 after June 30, 1989, and to any other member who has become at
- 43.35 least 55 years old and whose annuity amount when calculated
- 43.36 under this paragraph and in conjunction with paragraph (e), is

- 44.1 higher than it is when calculated under paragraph (b), in
- 44.2 conjunction with paragraph (c). The average salary, as defined
- 44.3 in paragraph (a) section 354.05, subdivision 13a, multiplied by
- 44.4 the percent specified by section 356.315, subdivision 4, for
- 44.5 each year of service for a basic member and by the percent
- 44.6 specified in section 356.315, subdivision 2, for each year of
- 44.7 service for a coordinated member shall determine the amount of
- 44.8 the retirement annuity to which the member is entitled.
- 44.9 (e) This paragraph applies to a person who has become at
- 44.10 least 55 years old and first becomes a member of the association
- 44.11 after June 30, 1989, and to any other member who has become at
- 44.12 least 55 years old and whose annuity is higher when calculated
- 44.13 under paragraph (d) in conjunction with this paragraph than when
- 44.14 calculated under paragraph (b), in conjunction with paragraph
- 44.15 (c). An employee who retires under the formula annuity before
- 44.16 the normal retirement age shall be paid the normal annuity
- 44.17 provided in paragraph (d) reduced so that the reduced annuity is
- 44.18 the actuarial equivalent of the annuity that would be payable to
- 44.19 the employee if the employee deferred receipt of the annuity and
- 44.20 the annuity amount were augmented at an annual rate of three
- 44.21 percent compounded annually from the day the annuity begins to
- 44.22 accrue until the normal retirement age.
- 44.23 (f) No retirement annuity is payable to a former employee
- 44.24 with a salary that exceeds 95 percent of the governor's salary
- 44.25 unless and until the salary figures used in computing the
- 44.26 highest five successive years average salary under paragraph (a)
- 44.27 have been audited by the Teachers Retirement Association and
- 44.28 determined by the executive director to comply with the
- 44.29 requirements and limitations of section 354.05, subdivisions 35
- 44.30 and 35a.
- 44.31 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 354A.011, is
- 44.32 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 44.33 Subd. 7a. AVERAGE SALARY. "Average salary," for purposes
- 44.34 of computing a normal coordinated program retirement annuity
- 44.35 under section 354A.31, subdivision 4 or 4a, means an amount
- 44.36 equal to the average salary upon which contributions were made

- 45.1 for the highest five successive years of service credit but may
- 45.2 not in any event include any more than the equivalent of 60
- 45.3 monthly salary payments. Average salary must be based upon all
- 45.4 years of service credit if this service credit is less than five
- 45.5 years.
- 45.6 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 354A.31,
- 45.7 subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 45.8 Subd. 4. COMPUTATION OF THE NORMAL COORDINATED RETIREMENT
- 45.9 ANNUITY; MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL FUNDS. (a) This subdivision
- 45.10 applies to the coordinated programs of the Minneapolis Teachers
- 45.11 Retirement Fund Association and the St. Paul Teachers Retirement
- 45.12 Fund Association.
- 45.13 (b) The normal coordinated retirement annuity shall be is
- 45.14 an amount equal to a retiring coordinated member's average
- 45.15 salary under section 354A.011, subdivision 7a, multiplied by the
- 45.16 retirement annuity formula percentage. Average salary for
- 45.17 purposes of this section shall mean an amount equal to the
- 45.18 average salary upon which contributions were made for the
- 45.19 highest five successive years of service credit, but which shall
- 45.20 not in any event include any more than the equivalent of 60
- 45.21 monthly salary payments. Average salary must be based upon all
- 45.22 years of service credit if this service credit is less than five
- 45.23 years.
- 45.24 (c) This paragraph, in conjunction with subdivision 6,
- 45.25 applies to a person who first became a member or a member in a
- 45.26 pension fund listed in section 356.30, subdivision 3, before
- 45.27 July 1, 1989, unless paragraph (d), in conjunction with
- 45.28 subdivision 7, produces a higher annuity amount, in which case
- 45.29 paragraph (d) will apply. The retirement annuity formula
- 45.30 percentage for purposes of this paragraph is the percent
- 45.31 specified in section 356.315, subdivision 1, per year for each
- 45.32 year of coordinated service for the first ten years and the
- 45.33 percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 2, for each
- 45.34 year of coordinated service thereafter.
- 45.35 (d) This paragraph applies to a person who has become at
- 45.36 least 55 years old and who first becomes a member after June 30,

- 46.1 1989, and to any other member who has become at least 55 years
- 46.2 old and whose annuity amount, when calculated under this
- 46.3 paragraph and in conjunction with subdivision 7 is higher than
- 46.4 it is when calculated under paragraph (c), in conjunction with
- 46.5 the provisions of subdivision 6. The retirement annuity formula
- 46.6 percentage for purposes of this paragraph is the percent
- 46.7 specified in section 356.315, subdivision 2, for each year of
- 46.8 coordinated service.
- 46.9 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 354A.31,
- 46.10 subdivision 4a, is amended to read:
- 46.11 Subd. 4a. COMPUTATION OF THE NORMAL COORDINATED
- 46.12 RETIREMENT ANNUITY; DULUTH FUND. (a) This subdivision applies
- 46.13 to the new law coordinated program of the Duluth Teachers
- 46.14 Retirement Fund Association.
- 46.15 (b) The normal coordinated retirement annuity is an amount
- 46.16 equal to a retiring coordinated member's average salary under
- 46.17 section 354A.011, subdivision 7a, multiplied by the retirement
- 46.18 annuity formula percentage. Average salary for purposes of this
- 46.19 section means an amount equal to the average salary upon which
- 46.20 contributions were made for the highest five successive years of
- 46.21 service credit, but may not in any event include any more than
- 46.22 the equivalent of 60 monthly salary payments. Average salary
- 46.23 must be based upon all years of service credit if this service
- 46.24 credit is less than five years.
- 46.25 (c) This paragraph, in conjunction with subdivision 6,
- 46.26 applies to a person who first became a member or a member in a
- 46.27 pension fund listed in section 356.30, subdivision 3, before
- 46.28 July 1, 1989, unless paragraph (d), in conjunction with
- 46.29 subdivision 7, produces a higher annuity amount, in which case
- 46.30 paragraph (d) applies. The retirement annuity formula
- 46.31 percentage for purposes of this paragraph is the percent
- 46.32 specified in section 356.315, subdivision 1, per year for each
- 46.33 year of coordinated service for the first ten years and the
- 46.34 percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 2, for each
- 46.35 subsequent year of coordinated service.
- 46.36 (d) This paragraph applies to a person who is at least 55

- 47.1 years old and who first becomes a member after June 30, 1989,
- 47.2 and to any other member who is at least 55 years old and whose
- 47.3 annuity amount, when calculated under this paragraph and in
- 47.4 conjunction with subdivision 7, is higher than it is when
- 47.5 calculated under paragraph (c) in conjunction with subdivision
- 47.6 6. The retirement annuity formula percentage for purposes of
- 47.7 this paragraph is the percent specified in section 356.315,
- 47.8 subdivision 2, for each year of coordinated service.
- 47.9 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 422A.01, is
- 47.10 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 47.11 Subd. 4a. AVERAGE SALARY. (a) "Average salary" means the
- 47.12 <u>arithmetic average annual salary, wages or compensation of the</u>
- 47.13 member from the city for any five calendar years out of the last
- 47.14 ten calendar years of service, except as provided for in section
- 47.15 422A.16, which may include the year in which the employee
- 47.16 retires, as selected by the employee.
- 47.17 (b) A member with more than five calendar years of service
- 47.18 but less than ten calendar years may select any five calendar
- 47.19 years of service to determine the average salary. A member with
- 47.20 less than five years of service with the city shall use all
- 47.21 earnings to determine the average salary.
- 47.22 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 422A.15,
- 47.23 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 47.24 Subdivision 1. FORMULA PENSION AND ANNUITY. Except as
- 47.25 otherwise provided in subdivision 3, each contributing member
- 47.26 who, at the time of retirement, fulfills the conditions
- 47.27 necessary to enable the member to retire, shall is entitled to
- 47.28 receive what shall be known as a "formula pension and annuity"
- 47.29 equal to two percent for each year of allowable service for the
- 47.30 first ten years and thereafter 2.5 percent per year of allowable
- 47.31 service of the arithmetic average annual salary, wages or
- 47.32 compensation of the member from the city for any five calendar
- 47.33 years out of the last ten calendar years of service except as
- 47.34 provided for in section 422A.16, which may include the year in
- 47.35 which the employee retires, as selected by the employee,
- 47.36 multiplied by the years of service credited by the retirement

- 48.1 fund. The formula pension and annuity shall must be computed on
- 48.2 the single life plan but subject to the option selections
- 48.3 provided for in section 422A.17.
- 48.4 In order to be entitled to the formula pension and annuity
- 48.5 herein provided for, the retiring employee at the time of
- 48.6 cessation of employment and of actual retirement shall must have
- 48.7 attained the age of 60 years or have been employed by the city
- 48.8 not less than 30 years, or meet the qualifications provided for
- 48.9 in section 422A.16, and in addition thereto have contributed to
- 48.10 the retirement fund at the percentage rate prescribed by the
- 48.11 retirement law applicable when the salary, wages or compensation
- 48.12 was paid on all salaries, wages, or compensation received from
- 48.13 the city or from an applicable employing unit. The years of
- 48.14 service to be applied in the formula pension and annuity shall
- 48.15 must be found and determined by the retirement board, except
- 48.16 that no credit shall may be allowed for any year in which a back
- 48.17 charge is owing at time of retirement and the earnings from any
- 48.18 year in which a back charge is owing shall may not be used in
- 48.19 determining the average annual salary.
- 48.20 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 422A.16,
- 48.21 subdivision 9, is amended to read:
- 48.22 Subd. 9. INCOMPETENCY OR DEATH OF MEMBER. Any member of
- 48.23 the contributing class who becomes permanently separated from
- 48.24 the service of the city under subdivision 8, may, by an
- 48.25 instrument in writing, filed with the municipal employees
- 48.26 retirement board within 30 days after such the separation
- 48.27 becomes permanent, elect to allow the member contributions
- 48.28 to such the fund to the date of separation to remain on deposit
- 48.29 in such the fund, and in such the event the member shall be
- 48.30 is entitled to receive a retirement allowance at age 65,
- 48.31 provided the member, or someone acting in the member's behalf if
- 48.32 the member be incompetent, $\frac{1}{2}$ must make $\frac{1}{2}$ written application
- 48.33 for such the retirement allowance in the same manner provided
- 48.34 for in section 422A.17 and in accordance with the provisions of
- 48.35 section 422A.15, subdivision $1_{\underline{\prime}}$ except for determining
- 48.36 average annual salary. A member with more than five calendar

- 49.1 years of service but less than ten calendar years may select any
- 49.2 five calendar years of service to determine the average annual
- 49.3 salary. A member with less than five years of service with the
- 49.4 city shall use all earnings to determine the average annual
- 49.5 salary.
- 49.6 If the contributing member dies before reaching the age of
- 49.7 65 years, or having attained the age of 65 years without having
- 49.8 made the election provided for herein, the net accumulated
- 49.9 amount of deductions from the member's salary, pay or
- 49.10 compensation, plus interest, to the member's credit on date of
- 49.11 death shall be paid is payable to such the person or persons as
- 49.12 have been nominated by written designation filed with the
- 49.13 retirement board, in such the form as that the retirement board
- 49.14 shall require requires.
- 49.15 If the employee fails to make a designation, or if the
- 49.16 person or persons designated by such the employee predeceases
- 49.17 such the employee, the net accumulated credit to $\frac{\text{such}}{\text{such}}$ the
- 49.18 employee's account on date of death shall be paid is payable to
- 49.19 such the employee's estate.
- 49.20 The provisions of subdivisions 4, 5, and 6 shall also apply
- 49.21 to any member qualifying for benefits under this subdivision,
- 49.22 except for purposes of this subdivision the age referred to in
- 49.23 subdivision 4 shall be <u>is</u> 65 years.
- 49.24 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.121,
- 49.25 subdivision 21, is amended to read:
- 49.26 Subd. 21. FINAL AVERAGE COMPENSATION. "Final average
- 49.27 compensation" means the total amount of salary payable paid to a
- 49.28 judge in the highest five years of the last ten years prior to
- 49.29 before the event of maturity of benefits, divided by five+
- 49.30 provided, however, that. If the number of years of service is
- 49.31 less than ten, the highest five shall years of salary must be
- 49.32 counted, and. If the number of years of service is less than
- 49.33 five, the aggregate salary in such during the period shall must
- 49.34 be divided by the number of months in such the period and
- 49.35 multiplied by 12.
- 49.36 Sec. 22. **REPEALER.**

50.1	Minnesota	Statutes	2004,	sections	352C.031	subdivision	3;
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- 50.2 353.29, subdivision 2; and 353.651, subdivision 2, are repealed.
- 50.3 Sec. 23. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 50.4 Sections 1 to 22 are effective July 1, 2005.
- 50.5 ARTICLE 3
- 50.6 ALLOWABLE SERVICE CREDIT
- 50.7 Section 1. **356.095 SERVICE CREDIT PURCHASE PROCEDURES**
- 50.8 FOR STRIKE PERIODS.
- 50.9 Subdivision 1. **COVERED PLANS.** This section applies to
- 50.10 all defined benefit plans specified in section 356.30,
- 50.11 subdivision 3.
- 50.12 Subd. 2 PURCHASE PROCEDURE FOR STRIKE PERIODS. (a) An
- 50.13 employee covered by a plan specified in subdivision 1 may
- 50.14 purchase allowable service credit in the applicable plan for any
- 50.15 period of time during which the employee was on a public
- 50.16 employee strike without pay, not to exceed a period of one year,
- 50.17 if the employee makes a payment in lieu of salary deductions as
- 50.18 specified in paragraphs (b) and (c), whichever is applicable.
- 50.19 The employing unit, at its option, may pay the employer portion
- 50.20 of the amount specified in paragraph (b) on behalf of its
- 50.21 employees.
- 50.22 (b) If payment is received by the applicable pension plan
- 50.23 executive director within one year from the end of the strike,
- 50.24 the payment amount is equal to the applicable employee and
- 50.25 employer contribution rates specified in law for the applicable
- 50.26 plan during the strike period, applied to the employee's rate of
- 50.27 salary in effect at the conclusion of the strike for the period
- 50.28 of the strike without pay, plus compound interest at a monthly
- 50.29 rate of 0.71 percent from the last day of the strike period
- 50.30 until the date payment is received.
- 50.31 (c) If payment is received by the applicable pension fund
- 50.32 director after one year and before five years from the end of
- 50.33 the strike, the payment amount is the amount determined under
- 50.34 section 356.551.
- 50.35 (d) Payments may not be made more than five years after the
- 50.36 end of the strike.

- 51.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.121,
- 51.2 subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 51.3 Subd. 4. **ALLOWABLE SERVICE.** (a) "Allowable service"
- 51.4 means any calendar month, subject to the service credit limit in
- 51.5 subdivision 22, served as a judge at any time, or served as a
- 51.6 referee in probate for all referees in probate who were in
- 51.7 office prior to January 1, 1974.
- 51.8 (b) "Allowable service" also means a period of authorized
- 51.9 leave of absence for which the judge has made a payment in lieu
- 51.10 of contributions, not in an amount in excess of the service
- 51.11 credit limit under subdivision 22. To obtain the service
- 51.12 credit, the judge shall pay an amount equal to the member and
- 51.13 employer contribution rates under section 490.123, subdivisions
- 51.14 <u>la and lb, applied to the judge's average monthly salary rate</u>
- 51.15 during the authorized leave of absence and multiplied by the
- 51.16 number of months of the authorized leave of absence, plus annual
- 51.17 compound interest at the rate of 8.5 percent from the date of
- 51.18 the termination of the leave to the date on which payment is
- 51.19 made. The payment must be made within one year of the date on
- 51.20 which the authorized leave of absence terminated. Service
- 51.21 credit for an authorized leave of absence is in addition to a
- 51.22 uniformed service leave under section 490.1211.
- 51.23 Sec. 3. METRO TRANSIT STRIKE PROVISION.
- 51.24 Notwithstanding the payment deadline specified in section
- 51.25 1, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), a Metro Transit employee
- 51.26 covered by the general state employees retirement plan of the
- 51.27 Minnesota State Retirement System who was on strike on or after
- 51.28 January 1, 2004, and before the effective date of this section,
- 51.29 is authorized to make a payment under that paragraph on or
- 51.30 before one year after the effective date of this section.
- 51.31 Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 51.32 (a) Sections 1 and 3 are effective on the day following
- 51.33 final enactment.
- 51.34 (b) Section 2 is effective retroactively to January 1,
- 51.35 2005, and applies to any person who was in active service as a
- 51.36 judge on or after that date and applies to an authorized leave

- 52.1 of absence that occurred before or after that date.
- 52.2 ARTICLE 4
- 52.3 ACTUARIAL AND FINANCIAL
- 52.4 REPORTING CHANGES
- 52.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.01,
- 52.6 subdivision 12, is amended to read:
- 52.7 Subd. 12. ACTUARIAL EQUIVALENT. "Actuarial equivalent"
- 52.8 means the condition of one annuity or benefit having an equal
- 52.9 actuarial present value as another annuity or benefit,
- 52.10 determined as of a given date at a specified age with each
- 52.11 actuarial present value based on the appropriate mortality table
- 52.12 adopted by the board of directors based on the experience of the
- 52.13 fund as recommended by the actuary retained by the Legislative
- 52.14 Commission on Pensions and Retirement under section 356.214, and
- 52.15 approved under section 356.215, subdivision 18, and using the
- 52.16 applicable preretirement or postretirement interest rate
- 52.17 assumption specified in section 356.215, subdivision 8.
- 52.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353.01,
- 52.19 subdivision 14, is amended to read:
- 52.20 Subd. 14. ACTUARIAL EQUIVALENT. "Actuarial equivalent"
- 52.21 means the condition of one annuity or benefit having an equal
- 52.22 actuarial present value as another annuity or benefit,
- 52.23 determined as of a given date with each actuarial present value
- 52.24 based on the appropriate mortality table adopted by the board of
- 52.25 trustees based on the experience of the fund as recommended by
- 52.26 the actuary retained by the Legislative Commission on Pensions
- 52.27 and Retirement under section 356.214, and approved under section
- 52.28 356.215, subdivision 18, and using the applicable preretirement
- 52.29 or postretirement interest rate assumption specified in section
- 52.30 356.215, subdivision 8.
- 52.31 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 354.05,
- 52.32 subdivision 7, is amended to read:
- 52.33 Subd. 7. ACTUARIAL EQUIVALENT. "Actuarial equivalent"
- 52.34 means the condition of one annuity or benefit having an equal
- 52.35 actuarial present value as another annuity or benefit,
- 52.36 determined as of a given date with each actuarial present value

- 53.1 based on the appropriate mortality table adopted by the board of
- 53.2 trustees based on the experience of the association as
- 53.3 recommended by the actuary retained by the Legislative
- 53.4 Commission on Pensions and Retirement under section 356.214, and
- 53.5 approved under section 356.215, subdivision 18, and using the
- 53.6 applicable preretirement or postretirement interest rate
- 53.7 assumption specified in section 356.215, subdivision 8.
- 53.8 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 354A.011,
- 53.9 subdivision 3a, is amended to read:
- 53.10 Subd. 3a. ACTUARIAL EQUIVALENT. "Actuarial equivalent"
- 53.11 means the condition of one annuity or benefit having an equal
- 53.12 actuarial present value as another annuity or benefit,
- 53.13 determined as of a given date with each actuarial present value
- 53.14 based on the appropriate mortality table adopted by the
- 53.15 appropriate board of trustees based on the experience of that
- 53.16 retirement fund association as recommended by the actuary
- 53.17 retained by the Legislative Commission on Pensions and
- 53.18 Retirement under section 356.214, and approved under section
- 53.19 $\underline{356.215}$, subdivision 18, and using the applicable preretirement
- 53.20 or postretirement interest rate assumption specified in section
- 53.21 356.215, subdivision 8.
- 53.22 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 356.20,
- 53.23 subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 53.24 Subd. 4. CONTENTS OF FINANCIAL REPORT. (a) The financial
- 53.25 report required by this section must contain financial
- 53.26 statements and disclosures that indicate the financial
- 53.27 operations and position of the retirement plan and fund. The
- 53.28 report must conform with generally accepted governmental
- 53.29 accounting principles, applied on a consistent basis. The
- 53.30 report must be audited. The report must include, as part of its
- 53.31 exhibits or its footnotes, an actuarial disclosure item based on
- 53.32 the actuarial valuation calculations prepared by the
- 53.33 commission-retained actuary retained under section 356.214 or by
- 53.34 the actuary retained by the retirement fund or plan, $\frac{\text{if}}{\text{if}}$
- 53.35 applicable whichever applies, according to applicable actuarial
- 53.36 requirements enumerated in section 356.215, and specified in the

54.1	most recent standards for actuaria	l work adopted	by the		
54.2	Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement. The accrued				
54.3	assets, the accrued liabilities, including accrued reserves, and				
54.4	the unfunded actuarial accrued lia	the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the fund or plan			
54.5	must be disclosed. The disclosure	item must con	tain a		
54.6	declaration by the actuary retaine	d by the Legis	lative		
54.7	Commission on Pensions and Retirement under section 356.214 or				
54.8	the actuary retained by the fund or plan, whichever applies,				
54.9	specifying that the required reserves for any retirement,				
54.10	disability, or survivor benefits p	disability, or survivor benefits provided under a benefit			
54.11	formula are computed in accordance with the entry age actuarial				
54.12	cost method and in accordance with the most recent applicable				
54.13	standards for actuarial work adopt	ed by the Legi	slative		
54.14	Commission on Pensions and Retirement.				
54.15	(b) Assets of the fund or plan contained in the disclosure				
54.16	item must include the following st	atement of the	actuarial value		
54.17	of current assets as defined in se	ction 356.215,	subdivision 1:		
54.18		Value	Value		
54.19		at cost	at market		
54.20	Cash, cash equivalents, and				
54.21	short-term securities				
54.22	Accounts receivable				
54.23	Accrued investment income				
54.24	Fixed income investments				
54.25	Equity investments other				
54.26	than real estate				
54.27	Real estate investments				
54.28	Equipment				
54.29	Equity Participation in the Minne	sota			
54.30	postretirement investment				
54.31	fund or the retirement				
54.32	benefit fund				
54.33	Other				
54.34					
54.35	Total assets				
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54.36 Value at cost

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55.1	Value at man	cket		
55.2	Actuarial va	alue of current	assets	
55.3	(c) The unfi	unded actuarial	accrued liability	of the fund or
55.4	plan contained	in the disclosu	are item must inclu	de the following
55.5	measures of uni	funded actuarial	accrued liability	, using
55.6	the <u>actuarial</u> v	value of current	assets:	
55.7	(1) <u>the</u> unfi	unded actuarial	accrued liability,	determined by
55.8	subtracting the	e current assets	and the present v	alue of future
55.9	normal costs fi	com the total cu	rrent and expected	future benefit
55.10	obligations; an	nd		
55.11	(2) <u>the</u> unfi	unded pension be	enefit obligation,	determined by
55.12	subtracting the	e current assets	from the actuaria	l present value
55.13	of credited pro	ojected benefits	3.	
55.14	If the current assets of the fund or plan exceed the			
55.15	actuarial accru	ued liabilities,	the excess must b	e disclosed and
55.16	6 indicated as a surplus.			
55.17	(d) The pens	sion benefit obl	igations schedule	included in
55.18	3 the disclosure must contain the following information on the			
55.19	9 benefit obligations:			
55.20	(1) the pension benefit obligation, determined as the			
55.21	actuarial prese	ent value of cre	edited projected be	nefits on
55.22	account of serv	vice rendered to	date, separately	identified as
55.23	follows:			
55.24	(i) fo	or annuitants;		
55.25		retirement annu	uities;	
55.26		disability bene	efits;	
55.27		surviving spous	se and child benefi	ts;
55.28	(ii)	for former memb	ers without vested	rights;
55.29	(iii)	for deferred an	nuitants' benefits	, including
55.30		any augmentation	on;	
55.31	(iv)	for active empl	oyees;	
55.32		accumulated emp	oloyee contribution	s,
55.33		including alloc	cated investment in	come;
55.34		employer-financ	ed benefits vested	;
55.35		employer-financ	eed benefits nonves	ted;

total pension benefit obligation; and

- 56.1 (2) if there are additional benefits not appropriately
- 56.2 covered by the foregoing items of benefit obligations, a
- 56.3 separate identification of the obligation.
- 56.4 (e) The report must contain an itemized exhibit describing
- 56.5 the administrative expenses of the plan, including, but not
- 56.6 limited to, the following items, classified on a consistent
- 56.7 basis from year to year, and with any further meaningful detail:
- 56.8 (1) personnel expenses;
- 56.9 (2) communication-related expenses;
- 56.10 (3) office building and maintenance expenses;
- 56.11 (4) professional services fees; and
- 56.12 (5) other expenses.
- 56.13 (f) The report must contain an itemized exhibit describing
- 56.14 the investment expenses of the plan, including, but not limited
- 56.15 to, the following items, classified on a consistent basis from
- 56.16 year to year, and with any further meaningful detail:
- 56.17 (1) internal investment-related expenses; and
- 56.18 (2) external investment-related expenses.
- 56.19 (g) Any additional statements or exhibits or more detailed
- 56.20 or subdivided itemization of a disclosure item that will enable
- 56.21 the management of the fund to portray a true interpretation of
- 56.22 the fund's financial condition must be included in the
- 56.23 additional statements or exhibits.
- 56.24 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 422A.01,
- 56.25 subdivision 6, is amended to read:
- 56.26 Subd. 6. PRESENT WORTH OR PRESENT VALUE. "Present worth"
- 56.27 or "present value" means that the present amount of money if
- 56.28 increased at the applicable postretirement or preretirement
- 56.29 interest rate assumption specified in section 356.215,
- 56.30 subdivision 8, and based on the mortality table adopted by the
- 56.31 board of trustees based on the experience of the fund as
- 56.32 recommended by the actuary retained by the Legislative
- 56.33 Commission on Pensions and Retirement under section 356.214, and
- 56.34 approved under section 356.215, subdivision 18, will at
- 56.35 retirement equal the actuarial accrued liability of the annuity
- 56.36 already earned.

- 57.1 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.121,
- 57.2 subdivision 20, is amended to read:
- 57.3 Subd. 20. ACTUARIAL EQUIVALENT. "Actuarial equivalent"
- 57.4 means the condition of one annuity or benefit having an equal
- 57.5 actuarial present value as another annuity or benefit,
- 57.6 determined as of a given date with each actuarial present value
- 57.7 based on the appropriate mortality table adopted by the board of
- 57.8 trustees directors of the Minnesota State Retirement System
- 57.9 based on the experience of the fund as recommended by
- 57.10 the commission retained actuary retained under section 356.214,
- 57.11 and approved under section 356.215, subdivision 18, and using
- 57.12 the applicable preretirement or postretirement interest rate
- 57.13 assumption specified in section 356.215, subdivision 8.
- 57.14 Sec. 8. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 57.15 (a) Sections 1 to 4, 6, and 7 are effective on July 1, 2005.
- 57.16 (b) Section 5 is effective the day following final
- 57.17 enactment and applies to annual financial reporting occurring on
- 57.18 or after June 30, 2005.
- 57.19 ARTICLE 5
- 57.20 MEMBERSHIP INCLUSIONS
- 57.21 AND EXCLUSIONS
- 57.22 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 69.011, is
- 57.23 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 57.24 Subd. 2c. INELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN POLICE OFFICERS. A
- 57.25 police officer employed by the University of Minnesota who is
- 57.26 required by the Board of Regents to the University of Minnesota
- 57.27 faculty retirement plan is not eligible to be included in any
- 57.28 police state aid certification under this section.
- 57.29 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.01,
- 57.30 subdivision 2a, is amended to read:
- 57.31 Subd. 2a. **INCLUDED EMPLOYEES.** (a) "State employee"
- 57.32 includes:
- 57.33 (1) employees of the Minnesota Historical Society;
- 57.34 (2) employees of the State Horticultural Society;
- 57.35 (3) employees of the Disabled American Veterans, Department
- 57.36 of Minnesota, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Minnesota,

- 58.1 if employed before July 1, 1963;
- 58.2 (4) employees of the Minnesota Crop Improvement
- 58.3 Association;
- 58.4 (5) employees of the adjutant general who are paid from
- 58.5 federal funds and who are not covered by any federal civilian
- 58.6 employees retirement system;
- 58.7 (6) employees of the Minnesota State Colleges and
- 58.8 Universities employed under the university or college activities
- 58.9 program;
- 58.10 (7) currently contributing employees covered by the system
- 58.11 who are temporarily employed by the legislature during a
- 58.12 legislative session or any currently contributing employee
- 58.13 employed for any special service as defined in subdivision 2b,
- 58.14 clause (8);
- 58.15 (8) employees of the Armory Building Commission;
- 58.16 (9) employees of the legislature appointed without a limit
- 58.17 on the duration of their employment and persons employed or
- 58.18 designated by the legislature or by a legislative committee or
- 58.19 commission or other competent authority to conduct a special
- 58.20 inquiry, investigation, examination, or installation;
- 58.21 (10) trainees who are employed on a full-time established
- 58.22 training program performing the duties of the classified
- 58.23 position for which they will be eligible to receive immediate
- 58.24 appointment at the completion of the training period;
- 58.25 (11) employees of the Minnesota Safety Council;
- 58.26 (12) any employees on authorized leave of absence from the
- 58.27 Transit Operating Division of the former Metropolitan Transit
- 58.28 Commission who are employed by the labor organization which is
- 58.29 the exclusive bargaining agent representing employees of the
- 58.30 Transit Operating Division;
- 58.31 (13) employees of the Metropolitan Council, Metropolitan
- 58.32 Parks and Open Space Commission, Metropolitan Sports Facilities
- 58.33 Commission, Metropolitan Mosquito Control Commission, or
- 58.34 Metropolitan Radio Board unless excluded or covered by another
- 58.35 public pension fund or plan under section 473.415, subdivision
- 58.36 3;

- 59.1 (14) judges of the Tax Court;
- 59.2 (15) personnel employed on June 30, 1992, by the University
- 59.3 of Minnesota in the management, operation, or maintenance of its
- 59.4 heating plant facilities, whose employment transfers to an
- 59.5 employer assuming operation of the heating plant facilities, so
- 59.6 long as the person is employed at the University of Minnesota
- 59.7 heating plant by that employer or by its successor organization;
- 59.8 and
- 59.9 (16) seasonal help in the classified service employed by
- 59.10 the Department of Revenue; and
- 59.11 (17) persons employed by the Department of Commerce in the
- 59.12 Insurance Fraud Prevention under section 45.0135 who have
- 59.13 attained the mandatory retirement age specified in section
- 59.14 43A.34, subdivision 4.
- 59.15 (b) Employees specified in paragraph (a), clause (15), are
- 59.16 included employees under paragraph (a) if employer and employee
- 59.17 contributions are made in a timely manner in the amounts
- 59.18 required by section 352.04. Employee contributions must be
- 59.19 deducted from salary. Employer contributions are the sole
- 59.20 obligation of the employer assuming operation of the University
- 59.21 of Minnesota heating plant facilities or any successor
- 59.22 organizations to that employer.
- 59.23 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.91, is
- 59.24 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 59.25 Subd. 4a. **PROCESS FOR EVALUATING AND RECOMMENDING**
- 59.26 **POTENTIAL EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP INCLUSION.** (a)
- 59.27 The Department of Corrections and the Department of Human
- 59.28 Services must establish a procedure for evaluating periodic
- 59.29 requests by department employees for qualification for
- 59.30 recommendation by the commissioner for inclusion of the
- 59.31 employment position in the correctional facility or human
- 59.32 services facility in the correctional retirement plan and for
- 59.33 periodically determining employment positions that no longer
- 59.34 qualify for continued correctional retirement plan coverage.
- 59.35 (b) The procedure must provide for an evaluation of the
- 59.36 extent of the employee's working time spent in direct contact

- 60.1 with patients or inmates, the extent of the physical hazard that
- 60.2 the employee is routinely subjected to in the course of
- 60.3 employment, and the extent of intervention routinely expected of
- 60.4 the employee in the event of a facility incident. The
- 60.5 percentage of routine direct contact with inmates or patients
- 60.6 may not be less than 75 percent.
- 60.7 (c) The applicable commissioner shall notify the employee
- 60.8 of the determination of the appropriateness of recommending the
- 60.9 employment position for inclusion in the correctional retirement
- 60.10 plan, if the evaluation procedure results in a finding that the
- 60.11 employee:
- 60.12 (1) routinely spends 75 percent of the employee's time in
- 60.13 direct contact with inmates or patients; and
- 60.14 (2) is regularly engaged in the rehabilitation, treatment,
- 60.15 custody, or supervision of inmates or patients.
- 60.16 (d) After providing the affected employee an opportunity to
- 60.17 dispute or clarify any evaluation determinations, if the
- 60.18 commissioner determines that the employment position is
- 60.19 appropriate for inclusion in the correctional retirement plan,
- 60.20 the commissioner shall forward that recommendation and
- 60.21 supporting documentation to the chair of the Legislative
- 60.22 Commission on Pensions and Retirement, the chair of the State
- 60.23 and Local Governmental Operations Committee of the senate, the
- 60.24 chair of the Governmental Operations and Veterans Affairs Policy
- 60.25 Committee of the house of representatives, and the executive
- 60.26 director of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and
- 60.27 Retirement in the form of the appropriate proposed legislation.
- 60.28 The recommendation must be forwarded to the legislature before
- 60.29 January 15 for the recommendation to be considered in that
- 60.30 year's legislative session.
- 50.31 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352B.01,
- 60.32 subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 60.33 Subd. 2. **MEMBER.** "Member" means:
- 60.34 (1) a State Patrol member currently employed after June 30,
- 60.35 1943, under section 299D.03 by the state, who is a peace officer
- 60.36 under section 626.84, and whose salary or compensation is paid

- 61.1 out of state funds;
- 61.2 (2) a conservation officer employed under section 97A.201,
- 61.3 currently employed by the state, whose salary or compensation is
- 61.4 paid out of state funds;
- 61.5 (3) a crime bureau officer who was employed by the crime
- 61.6 bureau and was a member of the Highway Patrolmen's retirement
- 61.7 fund on July 1, 1978, whether or not that person has the power
- 61.8 of arrest by warrant after that date, or who is employed as
- 61.9 police personnel, with powers of arrest by warrant under section
- 61.10 299C.04, and who is currently employed by the state, and whose
- 61.11 salary or compensation is paid out of state funds;
- 61.12 (4) a person who is employed by the state in the Department
- 61.13 of Public Safety in a data processing management position with
- 61.14 salary or compensation paid from state funds, who was a crime
- 61.15 bureau officer covered by the State Patrol retirement plan on
- 61.16 August 15, 1987, and who was initially hired in the data
- 61.17 processing management position within the department during
- 61.18 September 1987, or January 1988, with membership continuing for
- 61.19 the duration of the person's employment in that position,
- 61.20 whether or not the person has the power of arrest by warrant
- 61.21 after August 15, 1987;
- 61.22 (5) a public safety employee defined as a peace officer in
- 61.23 section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), and employed with
- 61.24 the Division of Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement under section
- 61.25 299L.01; and
- 61.26 (6) a Fugitive Apprehension Unit officer after October 31,
- 61.27 2000, employed by the Office of Special Investigations of the
- 61.28 Department of Corrections who is a peace officer under section
- 61.29 626.84; and
- 61.30 (7) a commerce employee defined as a peace officer in
- 61.31 section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), employed with the
- 61.32 Division of Insurance Fraud Prevention under section 45.0135
- 61.33 after January 1, 2005, and who has not attained the mandatory
- 61.34 retirement age specified in section 43A.34, subdivision 4.
- 61.35 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353.01,
- 61.36 subdivision 6, is amended to read:

- 62.1 Subd. 6. GOVERNMENTAL SUBDIVISION. (a) "Governmental
- 62.2 subdivision" means a county, city, town, school district within
- 62.3 this state, or a department or unit of state government, or any
- 62.4 public body whose revenues are derived from taxation, fees,
- 62.5 assessments or from other sources.
- 62.6 (b) Governmental subdivision also means the Public
- 62.7 Employees Retirement Association, the League of Minnesota
- 62.8 Cities, the Association of Metropolitan Municipalities, public
- 62.9 hospitals owned or operated by, or an integral part of, a
- 62.10 governmental subdivision or governmental subdivisions, the
- 62.11 Association of Minnesota Counties, the Metropolitan Intercounty
- 62.12 Association, the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association, the
- 62.13 Metropolitan Airports Commission, the University of Minnesota
- 62.14 with respect to police officers covered by the public employees
- 62.15 police and fire retirement plan, the Minneapolis Employees
- 62.16 Retirement Fund for employment initially commenced after June
- 62.17 30, 1979, the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools,
- 62.18 soil and water conservation districts, economic development
- 62.19 authorities created or operating under sections 469.090 to
- 62.20 469.108, the Port Authority of the city of St. Paul, the Spring
- 62.21 Lake Park Fire Department, incorporated, the Lake Johanna
- 62.22 Volunteer Fire Department, incorporated, the Red Wing
- 62.23 Environmental Learning Center, and the Dakota County
- 62.24 Agricultural Society.
- 62.25 (c) Governmental subdivision does not mean any municipal
- 62.26 housing and redevelopment authority organized under the
- 62.27 provisions of sections 469.001 to 469.047; or any port authority
- 62.28 organized under sections 469.048 to 469.089 other than the Port
- 62.29 Authority of the city of St. Paul; or any hospital district
- 62.30 organized or reorganized prior to July 1, 1975, under sections
- 62.31 447.31 to 447.37 or the successor of the district, nor the
- 62.32 Minneapolis Community Development Agency.
- 62.33 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353.64, is
- 62.34 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 62.35 Subd. 6a. UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA POLICE OFFICERS;
- 62.36 **EXCLUSION.** (a) Unless paragraph (b) applies, a person who is

- 63.1 employed as a peace officer by the University of Minnesota at
- 63.2 any campus or facility of the university, who is required by the
- 63.3 university to be and is licensed as a peace officer by the
- 63.4 Minnesota Peace Officer Standards and Training Board under
- 63.5 section 626.84 to 626.863, and who has the full power of arrest
- 63.6 is a member of the police and fire retirement plan.
- 63.7 (b) A police officer employed by the University of
- 63.8 Minnesota who is required by the Board of Regents to contribute
- 63.9 to the University of Minnesota faculty retirement plan is not
- 63.10 eligible to be a member of the public employees police and fire
- 63.11 fund.
- 63.12 Sec. 7. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 63.13 (a) Sections 1, 3, 5, and 6 are effective on July 1, 2005.
- 63.14 (b) Sections 2 and 4 are effective retroactively to January
- 63.15 1, 2005.
- 63.16 ARTICLE 6
- 63.17 RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS
- 63.18 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353.28,
- 63.19 subdivision 5, is amended to read:
- 63.20 Subd. 5. INTEREST CHARGES CHARGEABLE ON AMOUNTS DUE. Any
- 63.21 amount due under this section or section 353.27, subdivision 4,
- 63.22 is payable with interest at an annual compound rate of 8.5
- 63.23 percent compounded annually from the date due until the date
- 63.24 payment is received by the association, with a minimum interest
- 63.26 state aid under section 69.031, subdivision 5, must be charged
- 63.27 at an annual rate of 8.5 percent compounded annually.
- 63.28 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353.28,
- 63.29 subdivision 6, is amended to read:
- 63.30 Subd. 6. FAILURE TO PAY COLLECTION OF UNPAID AMOUNTS. (a)
- 63.31 If the a governmental subdivision which receives the direct
- 63.32 proceeds of property taxation fails to pay amounts an amount due
- 63.33 under chapters chapter 353, 353A, 353B, 353C, and or 353D or
- 63.34 fails to make payments of excess police state aid to the public
- 63.35 employees police and fire fund under section 69.031, subdivision
- 63.36 $\frac{5}{2}$, the executive director shall certify those amounts the amount

- 64.1 to the governmental subdivision for payment. If the
- 64.2 governmental subdivision fails to remit the sum so due in a
- 64.3 timely fashion, the executive director shall certify amounts the
- 64.4 amount to the applicable county auditor for collection. The
- 64.5 county auditor shall collect such amounts the amount out of the
- 64.6 revenue of the governmental subdivision, or shall add them the
- 64.7 amount to the levy of the governmental subdivision and make
- 64.8 payment directly to the association. This tax shall must be
- 64.9 levied, collected, and apportioned in the manner that other
- 64.10 taxes are levied, collected, and apportioned.
- 64.11 (b) If a governmental subdivision which is not funded
- 64.12 directly from the proceeds of property taxation fails to pay an
- 64.13 amount due under this chapter, the executive director shall
- 64.14 certify the amount to the governmental subdivision for payment.
- 64.15 If the governmental subdivision fails to pay the amount for a
- 64.16 period of 60 days after certification, the executive director
- 64.17 shall certify the amount to the commissioner of finance, who
- 64.18 shall deduct the amount from any subsequent state-aid payment or
- 64.19 state appropriation amount applicable to the governmental
- 64.20 subdivision.
- 64.21 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- Sections 1 and 2 are effective July 1, 2005.
- 64.23 ARTICLE 7
- 64.24 PENSION BENEFITS UPON PRIVATIZATION
- 64.25 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353F.02,
- 64.26 subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 64.27 Subd. 4. MEDICAL FACILITY. "Medical facility" means:
- 64.28 (1) Bridges Medical Services;
- 64.29 (2) the Fair Oaks Lodge, Wadena;
- 64.30 (2) (3) the Glencoe Area Health Center;
- 64.31 (4) the Hutchinson Area Health Care;
- 64.32 (5) the Kanabec Hospital;
- 64.33 (4) (6) the Luverne Public Hospital;
- 64.34 (7) the Northfield Hospital;
- 64.35 (8) the RenVilla Nursing Home;
- 64.36 (6) (9) the Renville County Hospital in Olivia;

- 65.1 (7) (10) the St. Peter Community Healthcare Center; and
- 65.2 (8) (11) the Waconia-Ridgeview Medical Center.
- 65.3 Sec. 2. Laws 2004, chapter 267, article 12, section 4, is
- 65.4 amended to read:
- 65.5 Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 65.6 (a) Section 1, relating to the Fair Oaks Lodge, Wadena, is
- 65.7 effective upon the latter of:
- 65.8 (1) the day after the governing body of Todd County and its
- 65.9 chief clerical officer timely complete their compliance with
- 65.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3; and
- 65.11 (2) the day after the governing body of Wadena County and
- 65.12 its chief clerical officer timely complete their compliance with
- 65.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.
- 65.14 (b) Section 1, relating to the RenVilla Nursing Home, is
- 65.15 effective upon the latter of:
- 65.16 (1) the day after the governing body of the city of
- 65.17 Renville and its chief clerical officer timely complete their
- 65.18 compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021,
- 65.19 subdivisions 2 and 3, except that the certificate of approval
- 65.20 must be filed before January 1, 2006; and
- 65.21 (2) the first day of the month next following certification
- 65.22 to the governing body of the city of Renville by the executive
- 65.23 director of the Public Employees Retirement Association that the
- 65.24 actuarial accrued liability of the special benefit coverage
- 65.25 proposed for extension to the privatized RenVilla Nursing Home
- 65.26 employees under section 1 does not exceed the actuarial gain
- 65.27 otherwise to be accrued by the Public Employees Retirement
- 65.28 Association, as calculated by the consulting actuary retained by
- 65.29 the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, or the
- 65.30 actuary retained under Minnesota Statutes, section 356.214,
- 65.31 whichever is applicable.
- 65.32 (c) The cost of the actuarial calculations must be borne by
- 65.33 the city of Renville or the purchaser of the RenVilla Nursing
- 65.34 Home.
- 65.35 (d) Section 1, relating to the St. Peter Community
- 65.36 Healthcare Center, is effective upon the latter of:

- 66.1 (1) the day after the governing body of the city of St.
- 66.2 Peter and its chief clerical officer timely complete their
- 66.3 compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021,
- 66.4 subdivisions 2 and 3; and
- 66.5 (2) the first day of the month next following certification
- 66.6 to the governing body of the city of St. Peter by the executive
- 66.7 director of the Public Employees Retirement Association that the
- 66.8 actuarial accrued liability of the special benefit coverage
- 66.9 proposed for extension to the privatized St. Peter Community
- 66.10 Healthcare Center employees under section 1 does not exceed the
- 66.11 actuarial gain otherwise to be accrued by the Public Employees
- 66.12 Retirement Association, as calculated by the consulting actuary
- 66.13 retained by the Legislative Commission on Pensions and
- 66.14 Retirement, or the actuary retained under Minnesota Statutes,
- 66.15 section 356.214, whichever is applicable.
- 66.16 (e) The cost of the actuarial calculations must be borne by
- 66.17 the city of St. Peter or the purchaser of the St. Peter
- 66.18 Community Healthcare Center.
- 66.19 (f) If the required actions under paragraphs (b) and (c)
- 66.20 occur, section 1 applies retroactively to the RenVilla Nursing
- 66.21 Home as of the date of privatization.
- 66.22 (g) If the required actions under paragraph (a) occur,
- 66.23 section 1 applies retroactively to Fair Oaks Lodge, Wadena, as
- 66.24 of January 1, 2004.
- 66.25 (h) Sections 2 and 3 are effective on the day following
- 66.26 final enactment. of January 1, 2004.
- 66.27 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 66.28 (a) Section 1, relating to Bridges Medical Services, is
- 66.29 effective upon the later of:
- 66.30 (1) the day after the governing body of the city of Ada and
- 66.31 its chief clerical officer timely complete their compliance with
- 66.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3; and
- 66.33 (2) the first day of the month next following certification
- 66.34 to the governing body of the city of Ada by the executive
- 66.35 director of the Public Employees Retirement Association that the
- 66.36 <u>actuarial accrued liability of the special benefit coverage</u>

- 67.1 proposed for extension to the privatized Bridges Medical
- 67.2 Services employees under section 1 does not exceed the actuarial
- 67.3 gain otherwise to be accrued by the Public Employees Retirement
- 67.4 Association, as calculated by the consulting actuary retained
- 67.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 356.214.
- 67.6 (b) Section 1, relating to the Hutchinson Area Health Care,
- 67.7 is effective upon the later of:
- 67.8 (1) the day after the governing body of the city of
- 67.9 Hutchinson and its chief clerical officer timely complete their
- 67.10 compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021,
- 67.11 subdivisions 2 and 3; and
- 67.12 (2) the first day of the month next following certification
- 67.13 to the governing body of the city of Hutchinson by the executive
- 67.14 director of the Public Employees Retirement Association that the
- 67.15 actuarial accrued liability of the special benefit coverage
- 67.16 proposed for extension to the privatized Hutchinson Area Health
- 67.17 Care employees under section 1 does not exceed the actuarial
- 67.18 gain otherwise to be accrued by the Public Employees Retirement
- 67.19 Association, as calculated by the consulting actuary retained by
- 67.20 the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement.
- 67.21 (c) Section 1, relating to the Northfield Hospital, is
- 67.22 effective upon the later of:
- 67.23 (1) the day after the governing body of the city of
- 67.24 Hutchinson and its chief clerical officer timely complete their
- 67.25 compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021,
- 67.26 subdivisions 2 and 3; and
- 67.27 (2) the first day of the month next following certification
- 67.28 to the governing body of the city of Hutchinson by the executive
- 67.29 director of the Public Employees Retirement Association that the
- 67.30 actuarial accrued liability of the special benefit coverage
- 67.31 proposed for extension to the privatized Hutchinson Area Health
- 67.32 Care employees under section 1 does not exceed the actuarial
- 67.33 gain otherwise to be accrued by the Public Employees Retirement
- 67.34 Association, as calculated by the consulting actuary retained by
- $67.35 \ \underline{\text{the Legislative Commission on Pensions}} \ \text{and Retirement.}$
- 67.36 (d) The cost of the actuarial calculations must be borne by

68.5 privatization.

68.1	the facility, the city in which the facility is located, or the
68.2	purchaser of the facility.
68.3	(e) If the required actions in paragraphs (a), (b), or (c)
68.4	and (d) occur, section 1 applies retroactively to the date of

- (f) Section 2 is effective on the day following final 68.7 enactment.
- 68.8 ARTICLE 8
- 68.9 FIRST CLASS CITY TEACHER
- 68.10 RETIREMENT FUND ASSOCIATIONS
- 68.11 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 354A.021, is
- 68.12 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 68.13 Subd. 9. UPDATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS;
- 68.14 FILING. (a) On or before July 1, 2006, and within six months of
- 68.15 the date of the approval of any amendment to the articles of
- 68.16 incorporation or bylaws, the chief administrative officer of
- 68.17 <u>each first class city teacher retirement fund association shall</u>
- 68.18 prepare and publish an updated compilation of the articles of
- 68.19 incorporation and the bylaws of the association.
- 68.20 (b) The chief administrative officer of the first class
- 68.21 city teacher retirement fund association must certify the
- 68.22 accuracy and the completeness of the compilation.
- 68.23 (c) The compilation of the articles of incorporation and
- 68.24 bylaws of a first class city teacher retirement fund association
- 68.25 must contain an index.
- 68.26 (d) The compilation must be made available to association
- 68.27 members and other interested parties. The association may
- 68.28 charge a fee for a copy that reflects the price of printing or
- 68.29 otherwise producing the copy. Two copies of the compilation
- 68.30 must be filed, without charge, by each retirement fund
- 68.31 association with the Legislation Commission on Pensions and
- 68.32 Retirement, the Legislative Reference Library, the state
- 68.33 auditor, the commissioner of education, the chancellor of the
- 68.34 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System, and the
- 68.35 superintendent of the applicable school district.
- 68.36 (e) A first class city teacher retirement fund association

- 69.1 may contract with the revisor of statutes for the preparation of
- 69.2 the compilation.
- 69.3 (f) If a first class city teacher retirement fund
- 69.4 association makes an updated copy of its articles of
- 69.5 incorporation and bylaws available on its Web site, the
- 69.6 retirement fund association is not obligated to file a hard copy
- 69.7 of the documents under paragraph (d) for the applicable filing
- 69.8 period.
- 69.9 Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 69.10 Section 1 is effective July 1, 2005.
- 69.11 ARTICLE 9
- 69.12 MNSCU IRAP CHANGES
- 69.13 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 354B.25,
- 69.14 subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 69.15 Subd. 2. **INVESTMENT OPTIONS.** (a) The plan administrator
- 69.16 shall arrange for the purchase of investment products.
- 69.17 (b) The investment products must be purchased with
- 69.18 contributions under section 354B.23 or with money or assets
- 69.19 otherwise provided by law by authority of the board.
- 69.20 (c) Various investment accounts offered through the
- 69.21 Minnesota supplemental investment fund established under section
- 69.22 11A.17 and administered by the State Board of Investment is one
- 69.23 of the may be included as investment products for the individual
- 69.24 retirement account plan. Direct access must also be provided to
- 69.25 lower expense and no-load mutual funds, as those terms are
- 69.26 defined by the federal Securities and Exchange Commission,
- 69.27 including stock funds, bond funds, and balanced funds. Other
- 69.28 investment products or combination of investment products which
- 69.29 may be included are:
- 69.30 (1) savings accounts at federally insured financial
- 69.31 institutions;
- 69.32 (2) life insurance contracts, fixed and variable annuity
- 69.33 contracts from companies that are subject to regulation by the
- 69.34 commerce commissioner;
- 69.35 (3) investment options from open-ended investment companies
- 69.36 registered under the federal Investment Company Act of 1940,

- 70.1 United States Code, title 15, sections 80a-1 to 80a-64;
- 70.2 (4) investment options from a firm that is a registered
- 70.3 investment advisor under the federal Investment Advisers Act of
- 70.4 1940, United States Code, title 15, sections 80b-1 to 80b-21;
- 70.5 and
- 70.6 (5) investment options of a bank as defined in United
- 70.7 States Code, title 15, section 80b-2, subsection (a), paragraph
- 70.8 2, or a bank holding company as defined in the Bank Holding
- 70.9 Company Act of 1956, United States Code, title 12, section 1841,
- 70.10 subsection (a), paragraph (1).
- 70.11 Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 70.12 Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.
- 70.13 ARTICLE 10
- 70.14 SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLANS
- 70.15 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 356.24,
- 70.16 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 70.17 Subdivision 1. RESTRICTION; EXCEPTIONS. It is unlawful
- 70.18 for a school district or other governmental subdivision or state
- 70.19 agency to levy taxes for, or to contribute public funds to a
- 70.20 supplemental pension or deferred compensation plan that is
- 70.21 established, maintained, and operated in addition to a primary
- 70.22 pension program for the benefit of the governmental subdivision
- 70.23 employees other than:
- 70.24 (1) to a supplemental pension plan that was established,
- 70.25 maintained, and operated before May 6, 1971;
- 70.26 (2) to a plan that provides solely for group health,
- 70.27 hospital, disability, or death benefits;
- 70.28 (3) to the individual retirement account plan established
- 70.29 by chapter 354B;
- 70.30 (4) to a plan that provides solely for severance pay under
- 70.31 section 465.72 to a retiring or terminating employee;
- 70.32 (5) for employees other than personnel employed by the
- 70.33 Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and
- 70.34 Universities and covered under the Higher Education Supplemental
- 70.35 Retirement Plan under chapter 354C, if the supplemental plan
- 70.36 coverage is provided for in a personnel policy of the public

- 71.1 employer or in the collective bargaining agreement between the
- 71.2 public employer and the exclusive representative of public
- 71.3 employees in an appropriate unit, in an amount matching employee
- 71.4 contributions on a dollar for dollar basis, but not to exceed an
- 71.5 employer contribution of \$2,000 a year per employee;
- 71.6 (i) to the state of Minnesota deferred compensation plan
- 71.7 under section 352.96; or
- 71.8 (ii) in payment of the applicable portion of the
- 71.9 contribution made to any investment eligible under section
- 71.10 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, if the employing unit has
- 71.11 complied with any applicable pension plan provisions of the
- 71.12 Internal Revenue Code with respect to the tax-sheltered annuity
- 71.13 program during the preceding calendar year;
- 71.14 (6) for personnel employed by the Board of Trustees of the
- 71.15 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and not covered by
- 71.16 clause (5), to the supplemental retirement plan under chapter
- 71.17 354C, if the supplemental plan coverage is provided for in a
- 71.18 personnel policy or in the collective bargaining agreement of
- 71.19 the public employer with the exclusive representative of the
- 71.20 covered employees in an appropriate unit, in an amount matching
- 71.21 employee contributions on a dollar for dollar basis, but not to
- 71.22 exceed an employer contribution of \$2,700 a year for each
- 71.23 employee;
- 71.24 (7) to a supplemental plan or to a governmental trust to
- 71.25 save for postretirement health care expenses qualified for
- 71.26 tax-preferred treatment under the Internal Revenue Code, if the
- 71.27 supplemental plan coverage is provided for in a personnel policy
- 71.28 or in the collective bargaining agreement of a public employer
- 71.29 with the exclusive representative of the covered employees in an
- 71.30 appropriate unit;
- 71.31 (8) to the laborer's national industrial pension fund or to
- 71.32 <u>a laborer's local pension fund for the employees of a</u>
- 71.33 governmental subdivision who are covered by a collective
- 71.34 bargaining agreement that provides for coverage by that fund and
- 71.35 that sets forth a fund contribution rate, but not to exceed an
- 71.36 employer contribution of \$2,000 \$5,000 per year per employee;

- 72.1 (9) to the plumbers' and pipefitters' national pension fund
- 72.2 or to a plumbers' and pipefitters' local pension fund for the
- 72.3 employees of a governmental subdivision who are covered by a
- 72.4 collective bargaining agreement that provides for coverage by
- 72.5 that fund and that sets forth a fund contribution rate, but not
- 72.6 to exceed an employer contribution of \$2,000 \$5,000 per year per
- 72.7 employee;
- 72.8 (10) to the international union of operating engineers
- 72.9 pension fund for the employees of a governmental subdivision who
- 72.10 are covered by a collective bargaining agreement that provides
- 72.11 for coverage by that fund and that sets forth a fund
- 72.12 contribution rate, but not to exceed an employer contribution of
- 72.13 \$2,000 \$5,000 per year per employee; or
- 72.14 (11) to a supplemental plan organized and operated under
- 72.15 the federal Internal Revenue Code, as amended, that is wholly
- 72.16 and solely funded by the employee's accumulated sick leave,
- 72.17 accumulated vacation leave, and accumulated severance pay at the
- 72.18 date of retirement or the termination of active employment.
- 72.19 Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 72.20 Section 1 is effective on the day following final enactment.
- 72.21 ARTICLE 11
- 72.22 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER RELIEF
- 72.23 ASSOCIATION CHANGES
- 72.24 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 69.051,
- 72.25 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 72.26 Subdivision 1. FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDIT. The board of
- 72.27 each salaried firefighters' relief association, police relief
- 72.28 association, and volunteer firefighters' relief association as
- 72.29 defined in section 424A.001, subdivision 4, with assets of at
- 72.30 least \$200,000 or liabilities of at least \$200,000 in the prior
- 72.31 year or in any previous year, according to the most recent
- 72.32 applicable actuarial valuation or financial report if no
- 72.33 valuation is required, shall:
- 72.34 (1) prepare a financial report covering the special and
- 72.35 general funds of the relief association for the preceding fiscal
- 72.36 year on a form prescribed by the state auditor. The financial

- 73.1 report shall must contain financial statements and disclosures
- 73.2 which present the true financial condition of the relief
- 73.3 association and the results of relief association operations in
- 73.4 conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and in
- 73.5 compliance with the regulatory, financing and funding provisions
- 73.6 of this chapter and any other applicable laws. The financial
- 73.7 report shall must be countersigned by the municipal clerk or
- 73.8 clerk-treasurer of the municipality in which the relief
- 73.9 association is located if the relief association is a
- 73.10 firefighters' relief association which is directly associated
- 73.11 with a municipal fire department or is a police relief
- 73.12 association, or countersigned by the secretary of the
- 73.13 independent nonprofit firefighting corporation and by the
- 73.14 municipal clerk or clerk-treasurer of the largest municipality
- 73.15 in population which contracts with the independent nonprofit
- 73.16 firefighting corporation if the <u>Volunteer Firefighter</u> Relief
- 73.17 Association is a subsidiary of an independent nonprofit
- 73.18 firefighting corporation;
- 73.19 (2) file the financial report in its office for public
- 73.20 inspection and present it to the city council after the close of
- 73.21 the fiscal year. One copy of the financial report shall must be
- 73.22 furnished to the state auditor after the close of the fiscal
- 73.23 year; and
- 73.24 (3) submit to the state auditor audited financial
- 73.25 statements which have been attested to by a certified public
- 73.26 accountant, public accountant, or the state auditor within 180
- 73.27 days after the close of the fiscal year. The state auditor may
- 73.28 accept this report in lieu of the report required in clause (2).
- 73.29 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 69.051,
- 73.30 subdivision la, is amended to read:
- 73.31 Subd. 1a. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT.** (a) The board of each
- 73.32 volunteer firefighters' relief association, as defined in
- 73.33 section 424A.001, subdivision 4, with assets of less than
- 73.34 \$200,000 and liabilities less than \$200,000, according to the
- 73.35 most recent financial report, shall that is not required to file
- 73.36 <u>a financial report and audit under subdivision 1 must</u> prepare a

- 74.1 detailed statement of the financial affairs for the preceding
- 74.2 fiscal year of the relief association's special and general
- 74.3 funds in the style and form prescribed by the state auditor.
- 74.4 The detailed statement must show the sources and amounts of all
- 74.5 money received; all disbursements, accounts payable and accounts
- 74.6 receivable; the amount of money remaining in the treasury; total
- 74.7 assets including a listing of all investments; the accrued
- 74.8 liabilities; and all items necessary to show accurately the
- 74.9 revenues and expenditures and financial position of the relief
- 74.10 association.
- 74.11 (b) The detailed financial statement required under
- 74.12 paragraph (a) must be certified by an independent public
- 74.13 accountant or auditor or by the auditor or accountant who
- 74.14 regularly examines or audits the financial transactions of the
- 74.15 municipality. In addition to certifying the financial condition
- 74.16 of the special and general funds of the relief association, the
- 74.17 accountant or auditor conducting the examination shall give an
- 74.18 opinion as to the condition of the special and general funds of
- 74.19 the relief association, and shall comment upon any exceptions to
- 74.20 the report. The independent accountant or auditor shall must
- 74.21 have at least five years of public accounting, auditing, or
- 74.22 similar experience, and shall must not be an active, inactive,
- 74.23 or retired member of the relief association or the fire or
- 74.24 police department.
- 74.25 (c) The detailed statement required under paragraph (a)
- 74.26 must be countersigned by the municipal clerk or clerk-treasurer
- 74.27 of the municipality, or, where applicable, by the secretary of
- 74.28 the independent nonprofit firefighting corporation and by the
- 74.29 municipal clerk or clerk-treasurer of the largest municipality
- 74.30 in population which contracts with the independent nonprofit
- 74.31 firefighting corporation if the relief association is a
- 74.32 subsidiary of an independent nonprofit firefighting corporation.
- 74.33 (d) The volunteer firefighters' relief association board
- 74.34 must file the detailed statement required under paragraph (a) in
- 74.35 the relief association office for public inspection and present
- 74.36 it to the city council within 45 days after the close of the

- 75.1 fiscal year, and must submit a copy of the detailed statement to
- 75.2 the state auditor within 90 days of the close of the fiscal year.
- 75.3 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 69.771, is
- 75.4 amended to read:
- 75.5 69.771 **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION**
- 75.6 FINANCING GUIDELINES ACT; APPLICATION.
- 75.7 Subdivision 1. COVERED RELIEF ASSOCIATIONS. The
- 75.8 applicable provisions of sections 69.771 to 69.776 shall apply
- 75.9 to any firefighters' relief association other than a relief
- 75.10 association enumerated in section 69.77, subdivision 1a, which
- 75.11 is organized under any laws of this state, which is composed of
- 75.12 volunteer firefighters or is composed partially of volunteer
- 75.13 firefighters and partially of salaried firefighters with
- 75.14 retirement coverage provided by the public employees police and
- 75.15 fire fund and which, in either case, operates subject to the
- 75.16 service pension minimum requirements for entitlement and
- 75.17 maximums contained in section 424A.02, or subject to a special
- 75.18 law modifying those requirements or maximums.
- 75.19 Subd. 2. AUTHORIZED EMPLOYER SUPPORT FOR A RELIEF
- 75.20 ASSOCIATION. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a
- 75.21 municipality may lawfully contribute public funds, including the
- 75.22 transfer of any applicable fire state aid, or may levy property
- 75.23 taxes for the support of a firefighters' relief association
- 75.24 specified in subdivision 1, however organized, which provides
- 75.25 retirement coverage or pays a service pension to retired
- 75.26 firefighter or a retirement benefit to a disabled firefighter or
- 75.27 a surviving dependent of either an active or retired firefighter
- 75.28 for the operation and maintenance of the relief association only
- 75.29 if the municipality and the relief association both comply with
- 75.30 the applicable provisions of sections 69.771 to 69.776.
- 75.31 Subd. 3. REMEDY FOR NONCOMPLIANCE; DETERMINATION.
- 75.32 Any (a) A municipality in which there exists a firefighters'
- 75.33 relief association as specified in subdivision 1 which does not
- 75.34 comply with the applicable provisions of sections 69.771 to
- 75.35 69.776 or the provisions of any applicable special law relating
- 75.36 to the funding or financing of the association shall does not

- 76.1 qualify initially to receive, or be and is not entitled
- 76.2 subsequently to retain, fire state aid pursuant to under
- 76.3 sections 69.011 to 69.051 until the reason for the
- 76.4 disqualification specified by the state auditor is remedied,
- 76.5 whereupon the municipality or relief association, if otherwise
- 76.6 qualified, shall be is entitled to again receive fire state aid
- 76.7 for the year occurring immediately subsequent to the year in
- 76.8 which the disqualification is remedied.
- 76.9 (b) The state auditor shall determine if a municipality to
- 76.10 which a firefighters' relief association is directly associated
- 76.11 or a firefighters' relief association fails to comply with the
- 76.12 provisions of sections 69.771 to 69.776 or the funding or
- 76.13 financing provisions of any applicable special law based upon
- 76.14 the information contained in the annual financial report of the
- 76.15 firefighters' relief association required pursuant to under
- 76.16 section 69.051-, the actuarial valuation of the relief
- 76.17 association, if applicable, the relief association officers'
- 76.18 financial requirements of the relief association and minimum
- 76.19 municipal obligation determination documentation under section
- 76.20 69.772, subdivisions 3 and 4; 69.773, subdivisions 4 and 5; or
- 76.21 69.774, subdivision 2, if requested to be filed by the state
- 76.22 auditor, the applicable municipal or nonprofit firefighting
- 76.23 corporation budget, if requested to be filed by the state
- 76.24 auditor, and any other relevant documents or reports obtained by
- 76.25 the state auditor.
- 76.26 (c) The municipality or nonprofit firefighting corporation
- 76.27 and the associated relief association are not eligible to
- 76.28 receive or to retain fire state aid if:
- 76.29 (1) the relief association fails to prepare or to file the
- 76.30 financial report or financial statement under section 69.051;
- 76.31 (2) the relief association treasurer is not bonded in the
- 76.32 manner and in the amount required by section 69.051, subdivision
- 76.33 2;
- 76.34 (3) the relief association officers fail to determine or
- 76.35 improperly determine the accrued liability and the annual
- 76.36 accruing liability of the relief association under section

- 77.1 69.772, subdivisions 2, 2a, and 3, paragraph (c), clause (2), if
- 77.2 applicable;
- 77.3 (4) if applicable, the relief association officers fail to
- 77.4 obtain and file a required actuarial valuation or the officers
- 77.5 file an actuarial valuation that does not contain the special
- 77.6 fund actuarial liability calculated under the entry age normal
- 77.7 actuarial cost method, the special fund current assets, the
- 77.8 special fund unfunded actuarial accrued liability, the special
- 77.9 <u>fund normal cost under the entry age normal actuarial cost</u>
- 77.10 method, the amortization requirement for the special fund
- 77.11 unfunded actuarial accrued liability by the applicable target
- 77.12 date, a summary of the applicable benefit plan, a summary of the
- 77.13 membership of the relief association, a summary of the actuarial
- 77.14 assumptions used in preparing the valuation, and a signed
- 77.15 statement by the actuary attesting to its results and certifying
- 77.16 to the qualifications of the actuary as an approved actuary
- 77.17 under section 356.215, subdivision 1, paragraph (c);
- 77.18 (5) the municipality failed to provide a municipal
- 77.19 contribution, or the nonprofit firefighting corporation failed
- 77.20 to provide a corporate contribution, in the amount equal to the
- 77.21 minimum municipal obligation if the relief association is
- 77.22 governed under section 69.772, or the amount necessary, when
- 77.23 added to the fire state aid actually received in the plan year
- 77.24 in question, to at least equal in total the calculated annual
- 77.25 financial requirements of the special fund of the relief
- 77.26 association if the relief association is governed under section
- 77.27 69.773, and, if the municipal or corporate contribution is
- 77.28 deficient, the municipality failed to include the minimum
- 77.29 municipal obligation certified under section 69.772, subdivision
- 77.30 3, or 69.773, subdivision 5, in its budget and tax levy or the
- 77.31 nonprofit firefighting corporation failed to include the minimum
- 77.32 corporate obligation certified under section 69.774, subdivision
- 77.33 2, in the corporate budget;
- 77.34 (6) the relief association did not receive municipal
- 77.35 ratification for the most recent plan amendment when municipal
- 77.36 ratification was required under section 69.772, subdivision 6;

- 78.1 69.773, subdivision 6; or 424A.02, subdivision 10;
- 78.2 (7) the relief association invested special fund assets in
- 78.3 an investment security that is not authorized under section
- 78.4 69.775;
- 78.5 (8) the relief association had an administrative expense
- 78.6 that is not authorized under section 69.80 or 424A.05,
- 78.7 subdivision 3, or the municipality had an expenditure that is
- 78.8 not authorized under section 424A.08;
- 78.9 (9) the relief association officers fail to provide a
- 78.10 complete and accurate public pension plan investment portfolio
- 78.11 and performance disclosure under section 356.219;
- 78.12 (10) the relief association fails to obtain the
- 78.13 acknowledgment from a broker of the statement of investment
- 78.14 restrictions under section 356A.06, subdivision 8b;
- 78.15 (11) the relief association officers permitted to occur a
- 78.16 prohibited transaction under section 356A.06, subdivision 9, or
- 78.17 424A.001, subdivision 7, or failed to undertake correction of a
- 78.18 prohibited transaction that did occur; or
- 78.19 (12) the relief association pays a defined benefit service
- 78.20 pension in an amount that is in excess of the applicable service
- 78.21 pension maximum under section 424A.02, subdivision 3.
- 78.22 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 69.772,
- 78.23 subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 78.24 Subd. 3. FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS OF RELIEF ASSOCIATION;
- 78.25 MINIMUM OBLIGATION OF MUNICIPALITY. (a) During the month of
- 78.26 July, the officers of the relief association shall determine the
- 78.27 overall funding balance of the special fund for the current
- 78.28 calendar year, the financial requirements of the special fund
- 78.29 for the following calendar year and the minimum obligation of
- 78.30 the municipality with respect to the special fund for the
- 78.31 following calendar year in accordance with the requirements of
- 78.32 this subdivision.
- 78.33 (1) (b) The overall funding balance of the special fund for
- 78.34 the current calendar year shall must be determined in the
- 78.35 following manner:
- 78.36 (a) (1) The total accrued liability of the special fund for

- 79.1 all active and deferred members of the relief association as of
- 79.2 December 31 of the current year shall must be calculated
- 79.3 pursuant to under subdivisions 2 and 2a, if applicable.
- 79.4 (b) (2) The total present assets of the special fund
- 79.5 projected to December 31 of the current year, including receipts
- 79.6 by and disbursements from the special fund anticipated to occur
- 79.7 on or before December 31 shall, must be calculated. To the
- 79.8 extent possible, for those assets for which a market value is
- 79.9 readily ascertainable, the current market value as of the date
- 79.10 of the calculation for those assets shall must be utilized in
- 79.11 making this calculation. For any asset for which no market
- 79.12 value is readily ascertainable, the cost value or the book
- 79.13 value, whichever is applicable, shall must be utilized in making
- 79.14 this calculation.
- 79.15 $\frac{\text{(c)}}{\text{(d)}}$ (3) The amount of the total present assets of the
- 79.16 special fund calculated pursuant to under clause (b) shall (2)
- 79.17 must be subtracted from the amount of the total accrued
- 79.18 liability of the special fund calculated pursuant to under
- 79.19 clause $\frac{(1)}{(1)}$. If the amount of total present assets exceeds
- 79.20 the amount of the total accrued liability, then the special fund
- 79.21 shall be is considered to have a surplus over full funding. If
- 79.22 the amount of the total present assets is less than the amount
- 79.23 of the total accrued liability, then the special fund shall be
- $79.24 \ \underline{\text{is}}$ considered to have a deficit from full funding. If the
- 79.25 amount of total present assets is equal to the amount of the
- 79.26 total accrued liability, then the special fund shall be is
- 79.27 considered to be fully funded.
- 79.28 $\frac{(2)}{(c)}$ The financial requirements of the special fund for
- 79.29 the following calendar year $\frac{\text{shall } \text{must}}{\text{shall}}$ be determined in the
- 79.30 following manner:
- 79.31 $\frac{(a)}{(a)}$ (1) The total accrued liability of the special fund for
- 79.32 all active and deferred members of the relief association as of
- 79.33 December 31 of the calendar year next following the current
- 79.34 calendar year shall must be calculated pursuant to under
- 79.35 subdivisions 2 and 2a, if applicable.
- 79.36 $\frac{\text{(b)}}{\text{(2)}}$ The increase in the total accrued liability of the

- 80.1 special fund for the following calendar year over the total
- 80.2 accrued liability of the special fund for the current year shall
- 80.3 must be calculated.
- 80.4 (c) (3) The amount of anticipated future administrative
- 80.5 expenses of the special fund $\frac{\text{shall}}{\text{must}}$ be calculated by
- 80.6 multiplying the dollar amount of the administrative expenses of
- 80.7 the special fund for the most recent prior calendar year by the
- 80.8 factor of 1.035.
- 80.9 (d) (4) If the special fund is fully funded, the financial
- 80.10 requirement requirements of the special fund for the following
- 80.11 calendar year shall be are the figure which represents the
- 80.12 increase in the total accrued liability of the special fund as
- 80.13 amounts calculated pursuant to subclause (b) under clauses (2)
- 80.14 and (3).
- 80.15 $\frac{\text{(e)}}{\text{(5)}}$ (5) If the special fund has a deficit from full
- 80.16 funding, the financial requirements of the special fund for the
- 80.17 following calendar year shall be are the financial requirements
- 80.18 of the special fund calculated as though the special fund were
- 80.19 fully funded $\frac{\text{pursuant to subclause (d)}}{\text{under clause (4)}}$ plus an
- 80.20 amount equal to one-tenth of the <u>original</u> amount of the deficit
- 80.21 from full funding of the special fund as determined pursuant to
- 80.22 this section for the calendar year 1971 until that deficit from
- 80.23 full funding is fully retired, and plus an amount equal to
- 80.24 one tenth of the increase in the deficit from full funding of
- 80.25 the special fund under clause (2) resulting either from an
- 80.26 increase in the amount of the service pension accruing after
- 80.27 December 31, 1971 occurring in the last ten years or from a net
- 80.28 annual investment loss occurring during the last ten years until
- 80.29 each increase in the deficit from full funding is fully
- 80.30 retired. The annual amortization contribution under this clause
- 80.31 may not exceed the amount of the deficit from full funding.
- 80.32 $\frac{\text{(f)}}{\text{(6)}}$ If the special fund has a surplus over full
- 80.33 funding, the financial requirements of the special fund for the
- 80.34 following calendar year $\frac{\text{shall be}}{\text{open}}$ the financial requirements
- 80.35 of the special fund calculated as though the special fund were
- 80.36 fully funded pursuant to subclause (d) under clause (4) reduced

- 81.1 by an amount equal to one-tenth of the amount of the surplus
- 81.2 over full funding of the special fund.
- 81.3 $\frac{(3)}{(3)}$ (d) The minimum obligation of the municipality with
- 81.4 respect to the special fund shall be is the financial
- 81.5 requirements of the special fund reduced by the amount of any
- 81.6 fire state aid payable pursuant to under sections 69.011 to
- 81.7 69.051 reasonably anticipated to be received by the municipality
- 81.8 for transmittal to the special fund during the following
- 81.9 calendar year, an amount of interest on the assets of the
- 81.10 special fund projected to the beginning of the following
- 81.11 calendar year calculated at the rate of five percent per annum,
- 81.12 and the amount of any anticipated contributions to the special
- 81.13 fund required by the relief association bylaws from the active
- 81.14 members of the relief association reasonably anticipated to be
- 81.15 <u>received</u> during the following calendar year. <u>A reasonable</u>
- 81.16 amount of anticipated fire state aid is an amount that does not
- 81.17 exceed the fire state aid actually received in the prior year
- 81.18 multiplied by the factor 1.035.
- 81.19 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 69.772,
- 81.20 subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 81.21 Subd. 4. CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS AND
- 81.22 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION; LEVY. (a) The officers of the
- 81.23 relief association shall certify the financial requirements of
- 81.24 the special fund of the relief association and the minimum
- 81.25 obligation of the municipality with respect to the special fund
- 81.26 of the relief association as determined pursuant to under
- 81.27 subdivision 3 to the governing body of the municipality on or
- 81.28 before August 1 of each year. The financial requirements of the
- 81.29 relief association and the minimum municipal obligation must be
- 81.30 included in the financial report or financial statement under
- 81.31 section 69.051.
- 81.32 (b) The municipality shall provide for at least the minimum
- 81.33 obligation of the municipality with respect to the special fund
- 81.34 of the relief association by tax levy or from any other source
- 81.35 of public revenue.
- 81.36 $\underline{\text{(c)}}$ The municipality may levy taxes for the payment of the

- 82.1 minimum municipal obligation without any limitation as to rate
- 82.2 or amount and irrespective of any limitations imposed by other
- 82.3 provisions of law upon the rate or amount of taxation until the
- 82.4 balance of the special fund or any fund of the relief
- 82.5 association has attained a specified level. In addition, any
- 82.6 taxes levied pursuant to under this section shall must not cause
- 82.7 the amount or rate of any other taxes levied in that year or to
- 82.8 be levied in a subsequent year by the municipality which are
- 82.9 subject to a limitation as to rate or amount to be reduced.
- 82.10 (d) If the municipality does not include the full amount of
- 82.11 the minimum municipal obligations in its levy for any year, the
- 82.12 officers of the relief association shall certify that amount to
- 82.13 the county auditor, who shall spread a levy in the amount of the
- 82.14 certified minimum municipal obligation on the taxable property
- 82.15 of the municipality.
- 82.16 (e) If the state auditor determines that a municipal
- 82.17 contribution actually made in a plan year was insufficient under
- 82.18 section 69.771, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), clause (5), the
- 82.19 state auditor may request a copy of the certifications under
- 82.20 this subdivision from the relief association or from the city.
- 82.21 The relief association or the city, whichever applies, must
- 82.22 provide the certifications within 14 days of the date of the
- 82.23 request from the state auditor.
- 82.24 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 69.773,
- 82.25 subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 82.26 Subd. 4. FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS OF SPECIAL FUND. Prior
- 82.27 to (a) On or before August 1 of each year, the officers of the
- 82.28 relief association shall determine the financial requirements of
- 82.29 the special fund of the relief association in accordance with
- 82.30 the requirements of this subdivision.
- 82.31 (b) The financial requirements of the relief
- 82.32 association $\frac{1}{2}$ must be based on the most recent actuarial
- 82.33 valuation of the special fund prepared in accordance with
- 82.34 subdivision 2. If the relief association has an unfunded
- 82.35 actuarial accrued liability as reported in the most recent
- 82.36 actuarial valuation, the financial requirements $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ be

- 83.1 determined by adding the figures calculated pursuant to under
- 83.2 paragraph (d), clauses $\frac{a}{a}$ (1), $\frac{b}{b}$ (2), and $\frac{c}{b}$ (3). If
- 83.3 the relief association does not have an unfunded actuarial
- 83.4 accrued liability as reported in the most recent actuarial
- 83.5 valuation, the financial requirements shall must be an amount
- 83.6 equal to the figure calculated pursuant to under paragraph (d),
- 83.7 clauses $\frac{(a)}{(1)}$ and $\frac{(b)}{(2)}$, reduced by an amount equal to
- 83.8 one-tenth of the amount of any assets in excess of the actuarial
- 83.9 accrued liability of the relief association.
- 83.10 (c) The determination of whether or not the relief
- 83.11 association has an unfunded actuarial accrued liability
- $83.12 \frac{\text{shall}}{\text{must}}$ must be based on the current market value of assets for
- 83.13 which a market value is readily ascertainable and the cost or
- 83.14 book value, whichever is applicable, for assets for which no
- 83.15 market value is readily ascertainable.
- 83.16 (a) (d) The components of the financial requirements of the
- 83.17 relief association are the following:
- 83.18 (1) The normal level cost requirement for the following
- 83.19 year, expressed as a dollar amount, $\frac{1}{2}$ shall be $\frac{1}{2}$ the figure for
- 83.20 the normal level cost of the relief association as reported in
- 83.21 the actuarial valuation.
- 83.22 (b) (2) The amount of anticipated future administrative
- 83.23 expenses of the special fund $\frac{\text{shall}}{\text{must}}$ be calculated by
- 83.24 multiplying the dollar amount of the administrative expenses of
- 83.25 the special fund for the most recent prior calendar year by the
- 83.26 factor of 1.035.
- 83.27 (c) (3) The amortization contribution requirement to retire
- 83.28 the current unfunded actuarial accrued liability by the
- 83.29 established date for full funding shall be is the figure for the
- 83.30 amortization contribution as reported in the actuarial
- 83.31 valuation. If there has not been a change in the actuarial
- 83.32 assumptions used for calculating the actuarial accrued liability
- 83.33 of the special fund, a change in the bylaws of the relief
- 83.34 association governing the service pensions, retirement benefits,
- 83.35 or both, payable from the special fund, or a change in the
- 83.36 actuarial cost method used to value all or a portion of the

- 84.1 special fund which change or changes, which by themselves, 84.2 without inclusion of any other items of increase or decrease,
- 84.3 produce a net increase in the unfunded actuarial accrued
- 84.4 liability of the special fund since December 31, 1970, the
- 84.5 established date for full funding shall be is the December 317
- 84.6 1990 occurring ten years later. If there has been a change in
- 84.7 the actuarial assumptions used for calculating the actuarial
- 84.8 accrued liability of the special fund, a change in the bylaws of
- 84.9 the relief association governing the service pensions,
- 84.10 retirement benefits, or both payable from the special fund or a
- 84.11 change in the actuarial cost method used to value all or a
- 84.12 portion of the special fund and the change or changes, by
- 84.13 themselves and without inclusion of any other items of increase
- 84.14 or decrease, produce a net increase in the unfunded actuarial
- 84.15 accrued liability of the special fund since December 31, 1970,
- 84.16 but prior to January 1, 1979 within the past 20 years, the
- 84.17 established date for full funding shall be December 31, 1998,
- 84.18 and if there has been a change since December 31, 1978, the
- 84.19 established date for full funding shall must be determined using
- 84.20 the following procedure:
- 84.21 (i) the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the special
- 84.22 fund attributable to experience losses that have occurred since
- 84.23 the most recent prior actuarial valuation must be determined and
- 84.24 the level annual dollar contribution needed to amortize the
- 84.25 experience loss over a period of ten years ending on the
- 84.26 December 31 occurring ten years later must be calculated;
- 84.27 (ii) the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the
- 84.28 special fund $\frac{\text{shall } \text{must}}{\text{be}}$ be determined in accordance with the
- 84.29 provisions governing service pensions, retirement benefits, and
- 84.30 actuarial assumptions in effect before an applicable change;
- 84.31 (iii) the level annual dollar contribution needed to
- 84.32 amortize this unfunded actuarial accrued liability amount by the
- 84.33 date for full funding in effect prior to before the change shall
- 84.34 must be calculated using the interest assumption specified in
- 84.35 section 356.215, subdivision 8, in effect before any applicable
- 84.36 change;

(iii) (iv) the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the 85.1 special fund shall must be determined in accordance with any new 85.2 85.3 provisions governing service pensions, retirement benefits, and 85.4 actuarial assumptions and the remaining provisions governing service pensions, retirement benefits, and actuarial assumptions 85.5 in effect before an applicable change; 85.6 $\frac{\text{(iv)}}{\text{(v)}}$ (v) the level annual dollar contribution needed to 85.7 85.8 amortize the difference between the unfunded actuarial accrued 85.9 liability amount calculated pursuant to subclause (i) under item 85.10 (ii) and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability amount 85.11 calculated pursuant to subclause (iii) under item (iv) over a 85.12 period of 20 years starting December 31 of the year in which the 85.13 change is effective shall must be calculated using the interest 85.14 assumption specified in section 356.215, subdivision 8, in 85.15 effect after any applicable change; $\frac{(v)}{(vi)}$ the annual amortization contribution calculated 85.17 pursuant to subclause (iv) shall under item (v) must be added to 85.18 the annual amortization contribution calculated pursuant to 85.19 subclause (ii) under items (i) and (iii); 85.20 (vi) (vii) the period in which the unfunded actuarial 85.21 accrued liability amount determined in subclause (iii) item (iv) 85.22 will be amortized by the total annual amortization contribution 85.23 computed pursuant to subclause (v) shall under item (vi) must be 85.24 calculated using the interest assumption specified in section 85.25 356.215, subdivision 8, in effect after any applicable change, 85.26 rounded to the nearest integral number of years, but which shall 85.27 must not exceed a period of 20 years from the end of the year in 85.28 which the determination of the date for full funding using this 85.29 procedure is made and which shall must not be less than the 85.30 period of years beginning in the year in which the determination 85.31 of the date for full funding using this procedure is made and 85.32 ending by the date for full funding in effect before the change; 85.33 (vii) the period determined pursuant to subclause 85.34 (vi) shall under item (vii) must be added to the date as of 85.35 which the actuarial valuation was prepared and the resulting

85.36 date shall be is the new date for full funding.

- 86.1 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 69.773,
- 86.2 subdivision 5, is amended to read:
- 86.3 Subd. 5. MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION. (a) The officers
- 86.4 of the relief association shall determine the minimum obligation
- 86.5 of the municipality with respect to the special fund of the
- 86.6 relief association for the following calendar year prior to on
- 86.7 or before August 1 of each year in accordance with the
- 86.8 requirements of this subdivision.
- 86.9 (b) The minimum obligation of the municipality with respect
- 86.10 to the special fund shall be is an amount equal to the financial
- 86.11 requirements of the special fund of the relief association
- 86.12 determined pursuant to under subdivision 4, reduced by the
- 86.13 estimated amount of any fire state aid payable pursuant to under
- 86.14 sections 69.011 to 69.051 reasonably anticipated to be received
- 86.15 by the municipality for transmittal to the special fund of the
- 86.16 relief association during the following year and the amount of
- 86.17 any anticipated contributions to the special fund required by
- 86.18 the relief association bylaws from the active members of the
- 86.19 relief association reasonably anticipated to be received during
- 86.20 the following calendar year. A reasonable amount of anticipated
- 86.21 fire state aid is an amount that does not exceed the fire state
- 86.22 aid actually received in the prior year multiplied by the factor
- 86.23 1.035.
- 86.24 (c) The officers of the relief association shall certify
- 86.25 the financial requirements of the special fund of the relief
- 86.26 association and the minimum obligation of the municipality with
- 86.27 respect to the special fund of the relief association as
- 86.28 determined pursuant to under subdivision 4 and this subdivision
- 86.29 to the governing body of the municipality by August 1 of each
- 86.30 year. The financial requirements of the relief association and
- 86.31 the minimum municipal obligation must be included in the
- 86.32 financial report or financial statement under section 69.051.
- 86.33 (d) The municipality shall provide for at least the minimum
- 86.34 obligation of the municipality with respect to the special fund
- 86.35 of the relief association by tax levy or from any other source
- 86.36 of public revenue. The municipality may levy taxes for the

- 87.1 payment of the minimum municipal obligation without any
- 87.2 limitation as to rate or amount and irrespective of any
- 87.3 limitations imposed by other provisions of law or charter upon
- 87.4 the rate or amount of taxation until the balance of the special
- 87.5 fund or any fund of the relief association has attained a
- 87.6 specified level. In addition, any taxes levied pursuant to
- 87.7 under this section shall must not cause the amount or rate of
- 87.8 any other taxes levied in that year or to be levied in a
- 87.9 subsequent year by the municipality which are subject to a
- 87.10 limitation as to rate or amount to be reduced.
- 87.11 (e) If the municipality does not include the full amount of
- 87.12 the minimum municipal obligation in its levy for any year, the
- 87.13 officers of the relief association shall certify that amount to
- 87.14 the county auditor, who shall spread a levy in the amount of the
- 87.15 minimum municipal obligation on the taxable property of the
- 87.16 municipality.
- 87.17 (f) If the state auditor determines that a municipal
- 87.18 contribution actually made in a plan year was insufficient under
- 87.19 section 69.771, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), clause (5), the
- 87.20 state auditor may request from the relief association or from
- 87.21 the city a copy of the certifications under this subdivision.
- 87.22 The relief association or the city, whichever applies, must
- 87.23 provide the certifications within 14 days of the date of the
- 87.24 request from the state auditor.
- 87.25 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 69.775, is
- 87.26 amended to read:
- 87.27 69.775 **INVESTMENTS.**
- 87.28 (a) The special fund assets of the a relief associations
- 87.29 <u>association</u> governed by sections 69.771 to 69.776 must be
- 87.30 invested in securities that are authorized investments under
- 87.31 section 356A.06, subdivision 6 or 7.
- 87.32 (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, up to 75 percent of the
- 87.33 market value of the assets of the special fund, not including
- 87.34 any money market mutual funds, may be invested in open-end
- 87.35 investment companies registered under the federal Investment
- 87.36 Company Act of 1940, if the portfolio investments of the

- 88.1 investment companies comply with the type of securities
- 88.2 authorized for investment under section 356A.06, subdivision 7.
- 88.3 (c) Securities held by the associations before June 2,
- 88.4 1989, that do not meet the requirements of this section may be
- 88.5 retained after that date if they were proper investments for the
- 88.6 association on that date.
- 88.7 (d) The governing board of the association may select and
- 88.8 appoint investment agencies to act for and in its behalf or may
- 88.9 certify special fund assets for investment by the State Board of
- 88.10 Investment under section 11A.17.
- 88.11 (e) The governing board of the association may certify
- 88.12 general fund assets of the relief association for investment by
- 88.13 the State Board of Investment in fixed income pools or in a
- 88.14 separately managed account at the discretion of the State Board
- 88.15 of Investment as provided in section 11A.14.
- 88.16 (f) The governing board of the association may select and
- 88.17 appoint a qualified private firm to measure management
- 88.18 performance and return on investment, and the firm shall use the
- 88.19 formula or formulas developed by the state board under section
- 88.20 11A.04, clause (11).
- 88.21 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 356A.06,
- 88.22 subdivision 7, is amended to read:
- 88.23 Subd. 7. EXPANDED LIST OF AUTHORIZED INVESTMENT
- 88.24 **SECURITIES.** (a) **AUTHORITY.** Except to the extent otherwise
- 88.25 authorized by law or bylaws, a covered pension plan not
- 88.26 described by subdivision 6, paragraph (a), may invest its assets
- 88.27 only in accordance with this subdivision.
- 88.28 (b) **SECURITIES GENERALLY.** The covered pension plan has
- 88.29 the authority to purchase, sell, lend, or exchange the
- 88.30 securities specified in paragraphs (c) to $\frac{(g)}{(g)}$ (h), including
- 88.31 puts and call options and future contracts traded on a contract
- 88.32 market regulated by a governmental agency or by a financial
- 88.33 institution regulated by a governmental agency. These
- 88.34 securities may be owned as units in commingled trusts that own
- 88.35 the securities described in paragraphs (c) to $\frac{\text{(g)}}{\text{(h)}}$.
- 88.36 (c) GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS. The covered pension plan may

- 89.1 invest funds in governmental bonds, notes, bills, mortgages, and
- 89.2 other evidences of indebtedness provided the issue is backed by
- 89.3 the full faith and credit of the issuer or the issue is rated
- 89.4 among the top four quality rating categories by a nationally
- 89.5 recognized rating agency. The obligations in which funds may be
- 89.6 invested under this paragraph include guaranteed or insured
- 89.7 issues of (1) the United States, its agencies, its
- 89.8 instrumentalities, or organizations created and regulated by an
- 89.9 act of Congress; (2) Canada and its provinces, provided the
- 89.10 principal and interest is payable in United States dollars; (3)
- 89.11 the states and their municipalities, political subdivisions,
- 89.12 agencies, or instrumentalities; (4) the International Bank for
- 89.13 Reconstruction and Development, the Inter-American Development
- 89.14 Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the African Development Bank,
- 89.15 or any other United States government sponsored organization of
- 89.16 which the United States is a member, provided the principal and
- 89.17 interest is payable in United States dollars.
- 89.18 (d) CORPORATE OBLIGATIONS. The covered pension plan may
- 89.19 invest funds in bonds, notes, debentures, transportation
- 89.20 equipment obligations, or any other longer term evidences of
- 89.21 indebtedness issued or guaranteed by a corporation organized
- 89.22 under the laws of the United States or any state thereof, or the
- 89.23 Dominion of Canada or any province thereof if they conform to
- 89.24 the following provisions:
- 89.25 (1) the principal and interest of obligations of
- 89.26 corporations incorporated or organized under the laws of the
- 89.27 Dominion of Canada or any province thereof must be payable in
- 89.28 United States dollars; and
- 89.29 (2) obligations must be rated among the top four quality
- 89.30 categories by a nationally recognized rating agency.
- 89.31 (e) OTHER OBLIGATIONS. (1) The covered pension plan may
- 89.32 invest funds in bankers acceptances, certificates of deposit,
- 89.33 deposit notes, commercial paper, mortgage participation
- 89.34 certificates and pools, asset backed securities, repurchase
- 89.35 agreements and reverse repurchase agreements, guaranteed
- 89.36 investment contracts, savings accounts, and guaranty fund

- 90.1 certificates, surplus notes, or debentures of domestic mutual
- 90.2 insurance companies if they conform to the following provisions:
- 90.3 (i) bankers acceptances and deposit notes of United States
- 90.4 banks are limited to those issued by banks rated in the highest
- 90.5 four quality categories by a nationally recognized rating
- 90.6 agency;
- 90.7 (ii) certificates of deposit are limited to those issued by
- 90.8 (A) United States banks and savings institutions that are rated
- 90.9 in the highest four quality categories by a nationally
- 90.10 recognized rating agency or whose certificates of deposit are
- 90.11 fully insured by federal agencies; or (B) credit unions in
- 90.12 amounts up to the limit of insurance coverage provided by the
- 90.13 National Credit Union Administration;
- 90.14 (iii) commercial paper is limited to those issued by United
- 90.15 States corporations or their Canadian subsidiaries and rated in
- 90.16 the highest two quality categories by a nationally recognized
- 90.17 rating agency;
- 90.18 (iv) mortgage participation or pass through certificates
- 90.19 evidencing interests in pools of first mortgages or trust deeds
- 90.20 on improved real estate located in the United States where the
- 90.21 loan to value ratio for each loan as calculated in accordance
- 90.22 with section 61A.28, subdivision 3, does not exceed 80 percent
- 90.23 for fully amortizable residential properties and in all other
- 90.24 respects meets the requirements of section 61A.28, subdivision
- 90.25 3;
- 90.26 (v) collateral for repurchase agreements and reverse
- 90.27 repurchase agreements is limited to letters of credit and
- 90.28 securities authorized in this section;
- 90.29 (vi) guaranteed investment contracts are limited to those
- 90.30 issued by insurance companies or banks rated in the top four
- 90.31 quality categories by a nationally recognized rating agency or
- 90.32 to alternative guaranteed investment contracts where the
- 90.33 underlying assets comply with the requirements of this
- 90.34 subdivision;
- 90.35 (vii) savings accounts are limited to those fully insured
- 90.36 by federal agencies; and

- 91.1 (viii) asset backed securities must be rated in the top
- 91.2 four quality categories by a nationally recognized rating agency.
- 91.3 (2) Sections 16A.58, 16C.03, subdivision 4, and 16C.05 do
- 91.4 not apply to certificates of deposit and collateralization
- 91.5 agreements executed by the covered pension plan under clause
- 91.6 (1), item (ii).
- 91.7 (3) In addition to investments authorized by clause (1),
- 91.8 item (iv), the covered pension plan may purchase from the
- 91.9 Minnesota Housing Finance Agency all or any part of a pool of
- 91.10 residential mortgages, not in default, that has previously been
- 91.11 financed by the issuance of bonds or notes of the agency. The
- 91.12 covered pension plan may also enter into a commitment with the
- 91.13 agency, at the time of any issue of bonds or notes, to purchase
- 91.14 at a specified future date, not exceeding 12 years from the date
- 91.15 of the issue, the amount of mortgage loans then outstanding and
- 91.16 not in default that have been made or purchased from the
- 91.17 proceeds of the bonds or notes. The covered pension plan may
- 91.18 charge reasonable fees for any such commitment and may agree to
- 91.19 purchase the mortgage loans at a price sufficient to produce a
- 91.20 yield to the covered pension plan comparable, in its judgment,
- 91.21 to the yield available on similar mortgage loans at the date of
- 91.22 the bonds or notes. The covered pension plan may also enter
- 91.23 into agreements with the agency for the investment of any
- 91.24 portion of the funds of the agency. The agreement must cover
- 91.25 the period of the investment, withdrawal privileges, and any
- 91.26 guaranteed rate of return.
- 91.27 (f) CORPORATE STOCKS. The covered pension plan may
- 91.28 invest funds in stocks or convertible issues of any corporation
- 91.29 organized under the laws of the United States or the states
- 91.30 thereof, any corporation organized under the laws of the
- 91.31 Dominion of Canada or its provinces, or any corporation listed
- 91.32 on the New York Stock Exchange or the American Stock Exchange an
- 91.33 exchange regulated by an agency of the United States or of the
- 91.34 Canadian national government, if they conform to the following
- 91.35 provisions:
- 91.36 (1) the aggregate value of corporate stock investments, as

- 92.1 adjusted for realized profits and losses, must not exceed 85
- 92.2 percent of the market or book value, whichever is less, of a
- 92.3 fund, less the aggregate value of investments according to
- 92.4 subdivision 6 paragraph (h);
- 92.5 (2) investments must not exceed five percent of the total
- 92.6 outstanding shares of any one corporation.
- 92.7 (g) **EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS.** The covered pension plan may
- 92.8 invest funds in exchange traded funds, subject to the maximums,
- 92.9 the requirements, and the limitations set forth in paragraph
- 92.10 (d), (e), (f), or (h), whichever applies.
- 92.11 (h) OTHER INVESTMENTS. (1) In addition to the
- 92.12 investments authorized in paragraphs (b) to (f) (g), and subject
- 92.13 to the provisions in clause (2), the covered pension plan may
- 92.14 invest funds in:
- 92.15 (i) venture capital investment businesses through
- 92.16 participation in limited partnerships and corporations;
- 92.17 (ii) real estate ownership interests or loans secured by
- 92.18 mortgages or deeds of trust through investment in limited
- 92.19 partnerships, bank sponsored collective funds, trusts, and
- 92.20 insurance company commingled accounts, including separate
- 92.21 accounts;
- 92.22 (iii) regional and mutual funds through bank sponsored
- 92.23 collective funds and open-end investment companies registered
- 92.24 under the Federal Investment Company Act of 1940;
- 92.25 (iv) resource investments through limited partnerships,
- 92.26 private placements, and corporations; and
- 92.27 (v) international securities.
- 92.28 (2) The investments authorized in clause (1) must conform
- 92.29 to the following provisions:
- 92.30 (i) the aggregate value of all investments made according
- 92.31 to clause (1) may not exceed 35 percent of the market value of
- 92.32 the fund for which the covered pension plan is investing;
- 92.33 (ii) there must be at least four unrelated owners of the
- 92.34 investment other than the state board for investments made under
- 92.35 clause (1), item (i), (ii), (iii), or (iv);
- 92.36 (iii) covered pension plan participation in an investment

- 93.1 vehicle is limited to 20 percent thereof for investments made
- 93.2 under clause (1), item (i), (ii), (iii), or (iv); and
- 93.3 (iv) covered pension plan participation in a limited
- 93.4 partnership does not include a general partnership interest or
- 93.5 other interest involving general liability. The covered pension
- 93.6 plan may not engage in any activity as a limited partner which
- 93.7 creates general liability.
- 93.8 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 424A.02,
- 93.9 subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 93.10 Subd. 3. FLEXIBLE SERVICE PENSION MAXIMUMS. (a) Annually
- 93.11 on or before August 1 as part of the certification of the
- 93.12 financial requirements and minimum municipal obligation
- 93.13 determined under section 69.772, subdivision 4, or 69.773,
- 93.14 subdivision 5, as applicable, the secretary or some other
- 93.15 official of the relief association designated in the bylaws of
- 93.16 each relief association shall calculate and certify to the
- 93.17 governing body of the applicable qualified municipality the
- 93.18 average amount of available financing per active covered
- 93.19 firefighter for the most recent three-year period. The amount
- 93.20 of available financing shall include any amounts of fire state
- 93.21 aid received or receivable by the relief association, any
- 93.22 amounts of municipal contributions to the relief association
- 93.23 raised from levies on real estate or from other available
- 93.24 revenue sources exclusive of fire state aid, and one-tenth of
- 93.25 the amount of assets in excess of the accrued liabilities of the
- 93.26 relief association calculated under section 69.772, subdivision
- 93.27 2; 69.773, subdivisions 2 and 4; or 69.774, subdivision 2, if
- 93.28 any.
- 93.29 (b) The maximum service pension which the relief
- 93.30 association has authority to provide for in its bylaws for
- 93.31 payment to a member retiring after the calculation date when the
- 93.32 minimum age and service requirements specified in subdivision 1
- 93.33 are met must be determined using the table in paragraph (c) or
- 93.34 (d), whichever applies.
- 93.35 (c) For a relief association where the governing bylaws
- 93.36 provide for a monthly service pension to a retiring member, the

94.1	maximum month	ly service pension	amount per month for each year		
94.2	of service cre	of service credited that may be provided for in the bylaws is			
94.3	the greater of the service pension amount provided for in the				
94.4	bylaws on the date of the calculation of the average amount of				
94.5	the available	financing per acti	ve covered firefighter or the		
94.6	maximum servi	ce pension figure o	corresponding to the average		
94.7	amount of ava	ilable financing pe	er active covered firefighter:		
94.8	Minimum Average Amount of Maximum Service Pension				
94.9	Available F	inancing per	Amount Payable per Month		
94.10	Firefi	ghter	for Each Year of Service		
94.11	\$		\$.25		
94.12	42	<u>41</u>	.50		
94.13	84	<u>81</u>	1.00		
94.14	126	122	1.50		
94.15	168	162	2.00		
94.16	209	203	2.50		
94.17	252	243	3.00		
94.18	294	284	3.50		
94.19	335	324	4.00		
94.20	378	<u>365</u>	4.50		
94.21	420	405	5.00		
94.22	503	<u>486</u>	6.00		
94.23	587	<u>567</u>	7.00		
94.24	672	648	8.00		
94.25	755	729	9.00		
94.26	839	810	10.00		
94.27	923	891	11.00		
94.28	1007	<u>972</u>	12.00		
94.29	1090	1053	13.00		
94.30	1175	1134	14.00		
94.31	1259	1215	15.00		
94.32	1342	1296	16.00		
94.33	1427	1377	17.00		
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96.3	(d) For a relief associa	ation in which the governing bylaws
96.4	provide for a lump sum serv	rice pension to a retiring member, the
96.5	maximum lump sum service pe	ension amount for each year of service
96.6	credited that may be provid	led for in the bylaws is the <u>greater</u>
96.7	of the service pension amou	ant provided for in the bylaws on the
96.8	date of the calculation of	the average amount of the available
96.9	financing per active covere	ed firefighter or the maximum service
96.10	pension figure corresponding	ng to the average amount of available
96.11	financing per active covere	ed firefighter for the applicable
96.12	specified period:	
96.13	Minimum Average Amount	Maximum Lump Sum Service
96.14	of Available Financing	Pension Amount Payable
96.15	per Firefighter	for Each Year of Service
96.16	\$	\$10
96.17	11	20
96.18	16	30
96.19	23	40
96.20	27	50
96.21	32	60
96.22	43	80
96.23	54	100
96.24	65	120
96.25	77	140
96.26	86	160
96.27	97	180
96.28	108	200
96.29	131	240
96.30	151	280
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99.2	3831	7100
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- 99.7 (e) For a relief association in which the governing bylaws
- 99.8 provide for a monthly benefit service pension as an alternative
- 99.9 form of service pension payment to a lump sum service pension,
- 99.10 the maximum service pension amount for each pension payment type
- 99.11 must be determined using the applicable table contained in this
- 99.12 subdivision.
- 99.13 (f) If a relief association establishes a service pension
- 99.14 in compliance with the applicable maximum contained in paragraph
- 99.15 (c) or (d) and the minimum average amount of available financing
- 99.16 per active covered firefighter is subsequently reduced because
- 99.17 of a reduction in fire state aid or because of an increase in
- 99.18 the number of active firefighters, the relief association may
- 99.19 continue to provide the prior service pension amount specified
- 99.20 in its bylaws, but may not increase the service pension amount
- 99.21 until the minimum average amount of available financing per
- 99.22 firefighter under the table in paragraph (c) or (d), whichever
- 99.23 applies, permits.
- 99.24 (g) No relief association is authorized to provide a
- 99.25 service pension in an amount greater than the largest applicable
- 99.26 flexible service pension maximum amount even if the amount of
- 99.27 available financing per firefighter is greater than the
- 99.28 financing amount associated with the largest applicable flexible
- 99.29 service pension maximum.
- 99.30 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 424A.02,
- 99.31 subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 99.32 Subd. 4. **DEFINED CONTRIBUTION LUMP SUM SERVICE**
- 99.33 **PENSIONS.** (a) If the bylaws governing the relief association so
- 99.34 provide exclusively, the relief association may pay a defined
- 99.35 contribution lump sum service pension in lieu of any defined
- 99.36 benefit service pension governed by subdivision 2.

- (b) An individual account for each firefighter who is a 100.1 member of the relief association shall must be established. 100.2 100.3 each individual active member account $\frac{100.3}{100}$ must be credited $\frac{100.3}{100}$ 100.4 $\frac{\text{right to}}{\text{an equal share of:}}$ (1) any amounts of fire state 100.5 aid received by the relief association; (b) (2) any amounts of 100.6 municipal contributions to the relief association raised from 100.7 levies on real estate or from other available revenue sources 100.8 exclusive of fire state aid; and (c) (3) any amounts equal to 100.9 the share of the assets of the special fund to the credit 100.10 of: $\frac{(1)}{(1)}$ any former member who terminated active service 100.11 with the fire department to which the relief association is 100.12 associated prior to before meeting the minimum service 100.13 requirement provided for in subdivision 1 and has not returned 100.14 to active service with the fire department for a period no 100.15 shorter than five years; or (2) (ii) any retired member who 100.16 retired prior to before obtaining a full nonforfeitable interest 100.17 in the amounts credited to the individual member 100.18 account pursuant to under subdivision 2 and any applicable 100.19 provision of the bylaws of the relief association. In addition, 100.20 any interest or investment income earned return on the assets of 100.21 the special fund shall must be credited in proportion to the 100.22 share of the assets of the special fund to the credit of each 100.23 individual active member account through the date on which the 100.24 investment return is recognized by and credited to the special 100.25 fund. (c) At the time of retirement pursuant to under subdivision 100.26 100.27 1 and any applicable provision of the bylaws of the relief 100.28 association, a retiring member $\frac{100.28}{100.28}$ entitled to that 100.29 portion of the assets of the special fund to the credit of the 100.30 member in the individual member account which is
- 100.31 nonforfeitable pursuant to <u>under</u> subdivision 2 and any 100.32 applicable provision of the bylaws of the relief association
- 100.33 based on the number of years of service to the credit of the
- 100.34 retiring member.
- 100.35 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 424A.02,
- 100.36 subdivision 7, is amended to read:

- 101.1 Subd. 7. **DEFERRED SERVICE PENSIONS.** (a) A member of a
- 101.2 relief association to which this section applies is entitled to
- 101.3 a deferred service pension if the member:
- 101.4 (1) has completed the lesser of the minimum period of
- 101.5 active service with the fire department specified in the bylaws
- 101.6 or 20 years of active service with the fire department;
- 101.7 (2) has completed at least five years of active membership
- 101.8 in the relief association; and
- 101.9 (3) separates from active service and membership before
- 101.10 reaching age 50 or the minimum age for retirement and
- 101.11 commencement of a service pension specified in the bylaws
- 101.12 governing the relief association if that age is greater than age
- 101.13 50.
- 101.14 (b) The deferred service pension starts is payable when the
- 101.15 former member reaches age $50_{\underline{\prime}}$ or the minimum age specified in
- 101.16 the bylaws governing the relief association if that age is
- 101.17 greater than age $50_{\underline{,}}$ and when the former member makes a valid
- 101.18 written application.
- 101.19 (c) A relief association that provides a lump sum service
- 101.20 pension governed by subdivision 3 may, when its governing bylaws
- 101.21 so provide, pay interest on the deferred lump sum service
- 101.22 pension during the period of deferral. If provided for in the
- 101.23 bylaws, interest must be paid in one of the following manners:
- 101.24 (1) at the investment performance rate actually earned on
- 101.25 that portion of the assets if the deferred benefit amount is
- 101.26 invested by the relief association in a separate account
- 101.27 established and maintained by the relief association or if the
- 101.28 deferred benefit amount is invested in a separate investment
- 101.29 vehicle held by the relief association;
- 101.30 (2) at the an interest rate of up to five percent,
- 101.31 compounded annually as set by the board of directors and
- 101.32 approved as provided in subdivision 10; or
- 101.33 (3) at a rate equal to the actual time weighted total rate
- 101.34 of return investment performance of the special fund as reported
- 101.35 by the Office of the State Auditor under section 356.219, up to
- 101.36 five percent, compounded annually, and applied consistently for

- 102.1 all deferred service pensioners.
- 102.2 (d) A relief association may not use the method provided
- 102.3 for in paragraph (c), clause (3), until it has modified its
- 102.4 bylaws to be consistent with that clause.
- 102.5 (d) Interest under paragraph (c), clause (2) or (3), is
- 102.6 payable from the first day of the month next following the date
- 102.7 on which the municipality has approved the deferred service
- 102.8 pension interest rate established by the board of trustees or
- 102.9 from the first day of the month next following the date on which
- 102.10 the member separated from active fire department service and
- 102.11 relief association membership, whichever is later, to the last
- 102.12 day of the month immediately before the month in which the
- 102.13 deferred member becomes eligible to begin receipt of the service
- 102.14 pension and applies for the deferred service pension.
- 102.15 (e) A relief association that provides a defined
- 102.16 contribution service pension may, if its governing bylaws so
- 102.17 provide, credit interest or additional investment performance on
- 102.18 the deferred lump sum service pension during the period of
- 102.19 deferral. If provided for in the bylaws, the interest must be
- 102.20 paid in one of the manners specified in paragraph (c) or
- 102.21 alternatively the relief association may credit any investment
- 102.22 return on the assets of the special fund of the defined
- 102.23 contribution volunteer firefighter relief association in
- 102.24 proportion to the share of the assets of the special fund to the
- 102.25 credit of each individual deferred member account through the
- 102.26 date on which the investment return is recognized by and
- 102.27 credited to the special fund.
- 102.28 (f) For a deferred service pension that is transferred to a
- 102.29 separate account established and maintained by the relief
- 102.30 association or separate investment vehicle held by the relief
- 102.31 association, the deferred member bears the full investment risk
- 102.32 subsequent to transfer and in calculating the accrued liability
- 102.33 of the volunteer firefighters relief association that pays a
- 102.34 lump sum service pension, the accrued liability for deferred
- 102.35 service pensions is equal to the separate relief association
- 102.36 account balance or the fair market value of the separate

- 103.1 investment vehicle held by the relief association.
- 103.2 (f) (g) The deferred service pension is governed by and
- 103.3 must be calculated under the general statute, special law,
- 103.4 relief association articles of incorporation, and relief
- 103.5 association bylaw provisions applicable on the date on which the
- 103.6 member separated from active service with the fire department
- 103.7 and active membership in the relief association.
- 103.8 Sec. 13. 424A.021 CREDIT FOR BREAK IN SERVICE TO
- 103.9 PROVIDE UNIFORMED SERVICE.
- 103.10 Subdivision 1. AUTHORIZATION. Subject to restrictions
- 103.11 stated in this section, a volunteer firefighter who is absent
- 103.12 from firefighting service due to service in the uniformed
- 103.13 services, as defined in United States Code, title 38, section
- 103.14 4303(13), may obtain service credit if the relief association is
- 103.15 a defined benefit plan or an allocation of any fire state aid,
- 103.16 any municipal contributions, and any investment return received
- 103.17 by the relief association if the relief association is a defined
- 103.18 benefit contribution plan for the period of the uniformed
- 103.19 service, not to exceed five years, unless a longer period is
- 103.20 required under United States Code, title 38, section 4312.
- 103.21 Subd. 2. LIMITATIONS. (a) To be eligible for service
- 103.22 credit or financial <u>allocation under this section</u>, the volunteer
- 103.23 firefighter must return to firefighting service with coverage by
- 103.24 the same relief association or by the successor to that relief
- 103.25 association upon discharge from service in the uniformed service
- 103.26 within the time frame required in United States Code, title 38,
- 103.27 <u>section 4312(e).</u>
- 103.28 (b) Service credit or financial allocation is not
- 103.29 authorized if the firefighter separates from uniformed service
- 103.30 with a dishonorable or bad conduct discharge or under other than
- 103.31 honorable conditions.
- 103.32 (c) Service credit or financial allocation is not
- 103.33 authorized if the firefighter fails to provide notice to the
- 103.34 fire department that the individual is leaving to provide
- 103.35 service in the uniformed service, unless it is not feasible to
- 103.36 provide that notice due to the emergency nature of the situation.

- 104.1 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 424A.04,
- 104.2 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 104.3 Subdivision 1. **MEMBERSHIP.** (a) Every A relief
- 104.4 association that is directly associated with a municipal fire
- 104.5 department shall must be managed by a board of trustees
- 104.6 consisting of nine members. Six trustees shall must be elected
- 104.7 from the membership of the relief association and three trustees
- 104.8 shall must be drawn from the officials of the municipalities
- 104.9 served by the fire department to which the relief association is
- 104.10 directly associated. The bylaws of a relief association which
- 104.11 provides a monthly benefit service pension may provide that one
- 104.12 of the six trustees elected from the relief
- 104.13 association membership may be a retired member receiving a
- 104.14 monthly pension who is elected by the membership of the relief
- 104.15 association. The three ex officio municipal trustees shall be
- 104.16 the mayor, the clerk, clerk-treasurer or finance director, must
- 104.17 be one elected municipal official and one elected or appointed
- 104.18 municipal official who are designated as municipal
- 104.19 $\underline{\text{representatives}}$ by the municipal governing board annually and
- 104.20 the chief of the municipal fire department.
- 104.21 (b) Every A relief association that is a subsidiary of an
- 104.22 independent nonprofit firefighting corporation shall must be
- 104.23 managed by a board of trustees consisting of ten nine members.
- 104.24 Six trustees $\frac{104.24}{100}$ be elected from the membership of the
- 104.25 relief association, three two trustees shall must be drawn from
- 104.26 the officials of the municipalities served by the fire
- 104.27 department to which the relief association is directly
- 104.28 associated, and one trustee shall be the fire chief serving with
- 104.29 the independent nonprofit firefighting corporation. The bylaws
- 104.30 of a relief association may provide that one of the six trustees
- 104.31 elected from the relief association membership may be a retired
- 104.32 member receiving a monthly pension who is elected by the
- 104.33 membership of the relief association. The three ex officio two
- 104.34 <u>municipal</u> trustees who are the elected officials shall <u>must</u>
- 104.35 be elected or appointed municipal officials, selected as follows:
- 104.36 (1) if only one municipality contracts with the independent

- 105.1 nonprofit firefighting corporation, the ex officio municipal
- 105.2 trustees shall must be three elected two officials of the
- 105.3 contracting municipality who are designated annually by the
- 105.4 governing body of the municipality;
- 105.5 (2) if two municipalities contract with the independent
- 105.6 nonprofit firefighting corporation, the ex officio trustees
- 105.7 shall be two elected officials of the largest municipality in
- 105.8 population and one elected official of the next largest
- 105.9 municipality in population who are designated by the governing
- 105.10 bodies of the applicable municipalities; or
- 105.11 (3) (2) if three two or more municipalities contract with
- 105.12 the independent nonprofit corporation, the ex officio municipal
- 105.13 trustees shall must be one elected official of from each of
- 105.14 the three two largest municipalities in population who are
- 105.15 designated <u>annually</u> by the governing bodies of the applicable
- 105.16 municipalities.
- 105.17 (c) The municipal trustees for a relief association that is
- 105.18 directly associated with a fire department operated as or by a
- 105.19 joint powers entity must be designated annually by the joint
- 105.20 powers board. The municipal trustees for a relief association
- 105.21 that is directly associated with a fire department service area
- 105.22 township must be designated by the township board.
- 105.23 (d) If a relief association lacks the ex officio municipal
- 105.24 board members provided for in paragraph (a), (b), or (b)
- 105.25 because the fire department is not located in or associated with
- 105.26 an organized municipality, joint powers entity, or township, the
- 105.27 ex officio municipal board members must be appointed from the
- 105.28 fire department service area by the board of commissioners of
- 105.29 the applicable county.
- 105.30 (e) The term of these appointed ex officio municipal board
- 105.31 members is three years one year or until the person's successor
- 105.32 is qualified, whichever is later.
- 105.33 (d) An ex officio (f) A municipal trustee under paragraph
- 105.34 (a), (b), $\frac{1}{100}$ (c) $\frac{1}{100}$ shall have, or (d) has all the rights and
- 105.35 duties accorded to any other trustee, except the right to be an
- 105.36 officer of the relief association board of trustees.

- 106.1 (e) (g) A board shall must have at least three officers,
- 106.2 which shall be who are a president, a secretary and a treasurer.
- 106.3 These officers shall must be elected from among the elected
- 106.4 trustees by either the full board of trustees or by the
- 106.5 membership, as specified in the bylaws, and. In no event shall
- 106.6 may any trustee hold more than one officer position at any one
- 106.7 time. The terms of the elected trustees and of the officers of
- 106.8 the board shall must be specified in the bylaws of the relief
- 106.9 association, but $\frac{106.9}{100}$ may not exceed three years. If the term
- 106.10 of the elected trustees exceeds one year, the election of the
- 106.11 various trustees elected from the membership shall initially and
- 106.12 shall thereafter continue to must be staggered on as equal a
- 106.13 basis as is practicable.
- 106.14 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 424B.10,
- 106.15 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 106.16 Subdivision 1. **BENEFITS.** (a) Notwithstanding <u>any</u>
- 106.17 provision of section 424A.02, subdivision 3, to the contrary,
- 106.18 the service pension of the subsequent relief association as of
- 106.19 the effective date of consolidation is either the service
- 106.20 pension amount specified in clause (1) or the service pension
- 106.21 amounts specified in clause (2), as provided for in the
- 106.22 consolidated relief association's articles of incorporation or
- 106.23 bylaws:
- 106.24 (1) the highest dollar amount service pension amount of any
- 106.25 prior volunteer firefighters relief association in effect
- 106.26 immediately before the consolidation initiation if the pension
- 106.27 amount was implemented consistent with section 424A.02; or
- 106.28 (2) for service rendered by each individual volunteer
- 106.29 firefighter under the consolidating volunteer firefighters
- 106.30 relief association that the firefighter belonged to immediately
- 106.31 before the consolidation if the pension amount was implemented
- 106.32 consistent with section 424A.02 and for service rendered after
- 106.33 the effective date of the consolidation, the highest dollar
- 106.34 amount service pension of any of the consolidating volunteer
- 106.35 firefighters relief associations in effect immediately before
- 106.36 the consolidation if the pension amount was implemented

- 107.1 consistent with section 424A.02.
- 107.2 (b) Any increase in the service pension amount beyond the
- 107.3 amount implemented under paragraph (a) must conform with the
- 107.4 requirements and limitations of sections 69.771 to 69.775 and
- 107.5 424A.02.
- 107.6 Sec. 16. STUDY OF STATEWIDE LUMP-SUM VOLUNTEER
- 107.7 FIREFIGHTER RETIREMENT PLAN; CREATION OF TASK FORCE.
- 107.8 Subdivision 1. TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP. (a) A statewide
- 107.9 Volunteer Firefighter Retirement Plan Study Task Force is
- 107.10 created.
- 107.11 (b) The task force members are:
- 107.12 (1) four members appointed by the president of the
- 107.13 Minnesota Area Relief Association coalition;
- 107.14 (2) four members appointed by the president of the
- 107.15 Minnesota State Fire Department Association;
- 107.16 (3) four members appointed by the president of the
- 107.17 Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association;
- 107.18 (4) four members appointed by the board of directors of the
- 107.19 League of Minnesota Cities;
- 107.20 (5) two members appointed by the board of directors of the
- 107.21 Insurance Federation of Minnesota;
- 107.22 (6) two members appointed by the board of directors of the
- 107.23 Minnesota Association of Farm Mutual Insurance Companies; and
- 107.24 (7) the Minnesota state auditor or the auditor's designee.
- 107.25 (c) Appointments must be made on or before July 1, 2005.
- 107.26 If the appointment is not made in a timely manner, or if there
- 107.27 is a vacancy, the state auditor shall appoint the task force
- 107.28 member or the replacement member.
- 107.29 (d) The chair of the task force shall be selected by the
- 107.30 task force.
- 107.31 (e) Administrative services for the task force must be
- 107.32 provided by the Department of Public Safety.
- 107.33 Subd. 2. TASK FORCE DUTIES. (a) The task force shall
- 107.34 conduct fact finding regarding the creation of a statewide
- 107.35 volunteer firefighter retirement plan.
- 107.36 (b) The task force shall recommend whether a statewide

- volunteer firefighter retirement plan should be created. If the

 task force concludes a statewide volunteer fire plan has merit,

 The task force shall recommend the investment vehicle or
- 108.4 vehicles to be utilized by the plan, the administration and
- 108.5 corporate governance structure of the plan, the incentives
- 108.6 needed to formulate the plan, the limitations applicable to the
- 108.7 plan, and the state resources needed to be dedicated to the
- 108.8 plan. The task force may also consider creation of regional
- 108.9 plans.
- 108.10 Subd. 3. REPORT. The task force shall prepare a report
- 108.11 detailing its findings about a potential statewide or regional
- 108.12 volunteer firefighter retirement plan or plans. The report is
- 108.13 due January 15, 2006, and must be filed with the Legislative
- 108.14 Reference Library; the chair of the Legislative Commission on
- 108.15 Pensions and Retirement; the chair of the State and Local
- 108.16 Governmental Operations Committee of the senate; the chair of
- 108.17 the State Government, Economic Development, and Judiciary Budget
- 108.18 Division of the senate Finance Committee; the chair of the
- 108.19 Governmental Operations and Veterans Affairs Policy Committee of
- 108.20 the house of representatives; and the chair of the State
- 108.21 Government Finance Committee of the house of representatives.
- 108.22 Sec. 17. APPROPRIATION.
- 108.23 \$40,000 is appropriated from the general fund in fiscal
- 108.24 year 2006 to the commissioner of public safety to hire a
- 108.25 consultant to assist the statewide Volunteer Firefighter
- 108.26 Retirement Plan Study Task Force.
- 108.27 Sec. 18. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 108.28 (a) Sections 1 to 12 and 14 to 17 are effective on July 1,
- 108.29 2005.
- 108.30 (b) Section 13 is effective on July 1, 2005, and applies to
- 108.31 breaks in service that end on or after that date.
- 108.32 ARTICLE 12
- 108.33 VARIOUS CORRECTIONS
- 108.34 AND CLARIFICATIONS
- 108.35 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3A.13, is
- 108.36 amended to read:

- 109.1 3A.13 EXEMPTION FROM PROCESS AND TAXATION; HEALTH PREMIUM
- 109.2 **DEDUCTION.**
- 109.3 (a) The provisions of section 352.15 shall 356.401 apply to
- 109.4 the legislators retirement plan, chapter 3A.
- 109.5 (b) The executive director of the Minnesota State
- 109.6 Retirement System must, at the request of a retired legislator
- 109.7 who is enrolled in a health insurance plan covering state
- 109.8 employees, deduct the person's health insurance premiums from
- 109.9 the person's annuity and transfer the amount of the premium to a
- 109.10 health insurance carrier covering state employees.
- 109.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 69.011,
- 109.12 subdivision 2b, is amended to read:
- 109.13 Subd. 2b. **DEPARTMENTS OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND PUBLIC**
- 109.14 SAFETY. (a) On or before July 1, 1997, the commissioner of
- 109.15 natural resources shall certify one half of the number of peace
- 109.16 officers as defined in subdivision 1, clause (g), employed by
- 109.17 the Enforcement Division during calendar year 1996 and the
- 109.18 commissioner of public safety shall certify one-half of the
- 109.19 number of peace officers as defined in subdivision 1, clause
- 109.20 (g), employed by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the
- 109.21 Cambling Enforcement Division, and the State Patrol Division
- 109.22 during calendar year 1996.
- 109.23 (b) On or before March 15, 1998, the commissioner of
- 109.24 natural resources shall certify seven tenths of the number of
- 109.25 peace officers as defined in subdivision 1, clause (g), employed
- 109.26 by the Enforcement Division and the commissioner of public
- 109.27 safety shall certify seven-tenths of the number of peace
- 109.28 officers as defined in subdivision 1, clause (g), employed by
- 109.29 the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Gambling Enforcement
- 109.30 Division, and the State Patrol Division.
- 109.31 (c) On or before March 15, 1999, and annually on or before
- 109.32 each March 15 thereafter, the commissioner of natural resources
- 109.33 shall certify the number of peace officers as defined in
- 109.34 subdivision 1, clause (g), employed by the Enforcement Division
- 109.35 and the commissioner of public safety shall certify the number
- 109.36 of peace officers as defined in subdivision 1, clause (g),

- 110.1 employed by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Gambling
- 110.2 Enforcement Division, and the State Patrol Division.
- 110.3 (d) (b) The certification must be on a form prescribed by
- 110.4 the commissioner. Peace officers certified under this paragraph
- 110.5 must be included in the total certifications under subdivision 2.
- 110.6 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 69.021,
- 110.7 subdivision 5, is amended to read:
- 110.8 Subd. 5. CALCULATION OF STATE AID. (a) The amount of
- 110.9 fire state aid available for apportionment, before the addition
- 110.10 of the minimum fire state aid allocation amount under
- 110.11 subdivision 7, is equal to 107 percent of the amount of premium
- 110.12 taxes paid to the state upon the fire, lightning, sprinkler
- 110.13 leakage, and extended coverage premiums reported to the
- 110.14 commissioner by insurers on the Minnesota Firetown Premium
- 110.15 Report. This amount shall must be reduced by the amount
- 110.16 required to pay the state auditor's costs and expenses of the
- 110.17 audits or exams of the firefighters relief associations.
- 110.18 The total amount for apportionment in respect to fire state
- 110.19 aid must not be less than two percent of the premiums reported
- 110.20 to the commissioner by insurers on the Minnesota Firetown
- 110.21 Premium Report after subtracting the following amounts:
- 110.22 (1) the amount required to pay the state auditor's costs
- 110.23 and expenses of the audits or exams of the firefighters relief
- 110.24 associations; and
- 110.25 (2) one percent of the premiums reported by town and
- 110.26 farmers' mutual insurance companies and mutual property and
- 110.27 casualty companies with total assets of \$5,000,000 or less.
- 110.28 (b) The total amount for apportionment as police state aid
- 110.29 is equal to 104 percent of the amount of premium taxes paid to
- 110.30 the state on the premiums reported to the commissioner by
- 110.31 insurers on the Minnesota Aid to Police Premium Report, reduced
- 110.32 by the amount required to pay the costs and expenses of the
- 110.33 state auditor for audits or exams of police relief
- 110.34 associations. The total amount for apportionment in respect to
- 110.35 the police state aid program must not be less than two percent
- 110.36 of the amount of premiums reported to the commissioner by

- 111.1 insurers on the Minnesota Aid to Police Premium Report after
- 111.2 subtracting the amount required to pay the state auditor's cost
- 111.3 and expenses of the audits or exams of the police relief
- 111.4 associations.
- 111.5 (c) The commissioner shall calculate the percentage of
- 111.6 increase or decrease reflected in the apportionment over or
- 111.7 under the previous year's available state aid using the same
- 111.8 premiums as a basis for comparison.
- 111.9 (d) The amount for apportionment in respect to peace
- 111.10 officer state aid under paragraph (b) must be further reduced by
- 111.11 \$1,779,000 in fiscal year 1999, \$2,077,000 in fiscal year 2000,
- 111.12 and \$2,404,000 in fiscal year 2001. These reductions in this
- 111.13 paragraph cancel to the general fund.
- 111.14 (e) In addition to the amount for apportionment of police
- 111.15 state aid under paragraph (b), each year \$100,000 shall must be
- 111.16 apportioned for police state aid. An amount sufficient to pay
- 111.17 this increase is annually appropriated from the general fund.
- 111.18 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 69.021,
- 111.19 subdivision 11, is amended to read:
- 111.20 Subd. 11. EXCESS POLICE STATE-AID HOLDING ACCOUNT. (a)
- 111.21 The excess police state-aid holding account is established in
- 111.22 the general fund. The excess police state-aid holding account
- 111.23 must be administered by the commissioner.
- 111.24 (b) Excess police state aid determined according to
- 111.25 subdivision 10, must be deposited in the excess police state-aid
- 111.26 holding account.
- 111.27 (c) From the balance in the excess police state-aid holding
- 111.28 account, \$900,000 is appropriated to and must be transferred
- 111.29 annually to the ambulance service personnel longevity award and
- 111.30 incentive suspense account established by section 144E.42,
- 111.31 subdivision 2.
- 111.32 (d) If a police officer stress reduction program is created
- 111.33 by law and money is appropriated for that program, an amount
- 111.34 equal to that appropriation must be transferred to the
- 111.35 administrator of that program from the balance in the excess
- 111.36 police state-aid holding account.

- 112.1 (e) On October 1, 1997, and annually on each subsequent
- 112.2 October 1, one-half of the balance of the excess police
- 112.3 state-aid holding account remaining after the deductions under
- 112.4 paragraphs (c) and (d) is appropriated for additional
- 112.5 amortization aid under section 423A.02, subdivision 1b.
- 112.6 (f) Annually, the remaining balance in the excess police
- 112.7 state-aid holding account, after the deductions under paragraphs
- 112.8 (c), (d), and (e), cancels to the general fund.
- 112.9 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 69.33, is amended
- 112.10 to read:
- 112.11 69.33 NAMES OF ASSOCIATIONS REPORTED TO INSURANCE
- 112.12 COMPANIES.
- 112.13 The commissioner shall enclose in the annual statement
- 112.14 blank that is sent to all fire insurance companies doing
- 112.15 business in this state a blank form containing the names of all
- 112.16 firefighters' relief associations in all cities of the first
- 112.17 class and the names of the cities and require these companies,
- 112.18 at the time of making their annual statements to the
- 112.19 commissioner, to state on these blanks the amount of premiums
- 112.20 received by them upon properties insured within the corporate
- 112.21 limits of the cities named thereon during the year ending
- 112.22 December 31st last past. Thereafter, before July first each
- 112.23 year, the commissioner shall certify to the commissioner of
- 112.24 finance the information thus obtained, together with the amount
- 112.25 of the tax for the benefit of the relief association pension
- 112.26 plans covering firefighters in cities of the first class paid in
- 112.27 such year by these companies upon these insurance premiums.
- 112.28 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 69.773,
- 112.29 subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 112.30 Subd. 4. FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS OF SPECIAL FUND. Prior
- 112.31 to Before August 1 of each year, the officers of the relief
- 112.32 association shall determine the financial requirements of the
- 112.33 special fund of the relief association in accordance with the
- 112.34 requirements of this subdivision. The financial requirements of
- 112.35 the relief association shall must be based on the most recent
- 112.36 actuarial valuation of the special fund prepared in accordance

- 113.1 with subdivision 2. If the relief association has an unfunded
- 113.2 actuarial accrued liability as reported in the most recent
- 113.3 actuarial valuation, the financial requirements shall must be
- 113.4 determined by adding the figures calculated pursuant to under
- 113.5 clauses (a), (b), and (c). If the relief association does not
- 113.6 have an unfunded actuarial accrued liability as reported in the
- 113.7 most recent actuarial valuation, the financial requirements
- 113.8 shall must be an amount equal to the figure calculated pursuant
- 113.9 to under clauses (a) and (b), reduced by an amount equal to
- 113.10 one-tenth of the amount of any assets in excess of the actuarial
- 113.11 accrued liability of the relief association. The determination
- 113.12 of whether or not the relief association has an unfunded
- 113.13 actuarial accrued liability shall must be based on the current
- 113.14 market value of assets for which a market value is readily
- 113.15 ascertainable and the cost or book value, whichever is
- 113.16 applicable, for assets for which no market value is readily
- 113.17 ascertainable.
- 113.18 (a) The normal level cost requirement for the following
- 113.19 year, expressed as a dollar amount, shall be is the figure for
- 113.20 the normal level cost of the relief association as reported in
- 113.21 the actuarial valuation.
- 113.22 (b) The amount of anticipated future administrative
- 113.23 expenses of the special fund shall must be calculated by
- 113.24 multiplying the dollar amount of the administrative expenses of
- 113.25 the special fund for the most recent year by the factor of 1.035.
- 113.26 (c) The amortization contribution requirement to retire the
- 113.27 current unfunded actuarial accrued liability by the established
- 113.28 date for full funding $\frac{1}{2}$ shall be $\frac{1}{2}$ the figure for the
- 113.29 amortization contribution as reported in the actuarial
- 113.30 valuation. If there has not been a change in the actuarial
- 113.31 assumptions used for calculating the actuarial accrued liability
- 113.32 of the special fund, a change in the bylaws of the relief
- 113.33 association governing the service pensions, retirement benefits,
- 113.34 or both payable from the special fund or a change in the
- 113.35 actuarial cost method used to value all or a portion of the
- 113.36 special fund which change or changes, which by themselves

- 114.1 without inclusion of any other items of increase or decrease,
- 114.2 produce a net increase in the unfunded actuarial accrued
- 114.3 liability of the special fund since December 31, 1970, the
- 114.4 established date for full funding shall be December 31, 1990.
- 114.5 If there has been a change in the actuarial assumptions used for
- 114.6 calculating the actuarial accrued liability of the special fund,
- 114.7 a change in the bylaws of the relief association governing the
- 114.8 service pensions, retirement benefits, or both payable from the
- 114.9 special fund or a change in the actuarial cost method used to
- 114.10 value all or a portion of the special fund and the change or
- 114.11 changes, by themselves and without inclusion of any other items
- 114.12 of increase or decrease, produce a net increase in the unfunded
- 114.13 actuarial accrued liability of the special fund since December
- 114.14 31, 1970, but prior to January 1, 1979, the established date for
- 114.15 full funding shall be December 31, 1998, and if there has been a
- 114.16 change since December 31, 1978, the established date for full
- 114.17 funding shall must be determined using the following procedure:
- 114.18 (i) the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the special
- 114.19 fund shall must be determined in accordance with the provisions
- 114.20 governing service pensions, retirement benefits, and actuarial
- 114.21 assumptions in effect before an applicable change;
- 114.22 (ii) the level annual dollar contribution needed to
- 114.23 amortize this unfunded actuarial accrued liability amount by the
- 114.24 date for full funding in effect prior to before the change shall
- 114.25 must be calculated using the interest assumption specified in
- 114.26 section 356.215, subdivision 8, in effect before any applicable
- 114.27 change;
- 114.28 (iii) the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the
- 114.29 special fund shall must be determined in accordance with any new
- 114.30 provisions governing service pensions, retirement benefits, and
- 114.31 actuarial assumptions and the remaining provisions governing
- 114.32 service pensions, retirement benefits, and actuarial assumptions
- 114.33 in effect before an applicable change;
- 114.34 (iv) the level annual dollar contribution needed to
- 114.35 amortize the difference between the unfunded actuarial accrued
- 114.36 liability amount calculated pursuant to under subclause (i) and

- 115.1 the unfunded actuarial accrued liability amount
- 115.2 calculated pursuant to under subclause (iii) over a period of 20
- 115.3 years starting December 31 of the year in which the change is
- 115.4 effective shall must be calculated using the interest assumption
- 115.5 specified in section 356.215, subdivision 8, in effect after any
- 115.6 applicable change;
- 115.7 (v) the annual amortization contribution calculated
- 115.8 pursuant to under subclause (iv) shall must be added to the
- 115.9 annual amortization contribution calculated pursuant to under
- 115.10 subclause (ii);
- 115.11 (vi) the period in which the unfunded actuarial accrued
- 115.12 liability amount determined in subclause (iii) will be amortized
- 115.13 by the total annual amortization contribution computed pursuant
- 115.14 to <u>under</u> subclause (v) shall <u>must</u> be calculated using the
- 115.15 interest assumption specified in section 356.215, subdivision 8,
- 115.16 in effect after any applicable change, rounded to the nearest
- 115.17 integral number of years, but which shall does not exceed a
- 115.18 period of 20 years from the end of the year in which the
- 115.19 determination of the date for full funding using this procedure
- 115.20 is made and which shall is not be less than the period of years
- 115.21 beginning in the year in which the determination of the date for
- 115.22 full funding using this procedure is made and ending by the date
- 115.23 for full funding in effect before the change;
- 115.24 (vii) the period determined pursuant to <u>under</u> subclause (vi)
- 115.25 shall must be added to the date as of which the actuarial
- 115.26 valuation was prepared and the resulting date shall be is the
- 115.27 new date for full funding.
- 115.28 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.01,
- 115.29 subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 115.30 Subd. 4. ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS. "Accumulated
- 115.31 contributions" means the total, exclusive of interest, of (1)
- 115.32 the sums deducted from the salary of an employee, (2) the amount
- 115.33 of payments, including assessments, paid by the employee in lieu
- 115.34 of salary deductions and all other payments made under Laws
- 115.35 1929, chapter 191, as amended, this chapter and credited to the
- 115.36 employee's individual account in the retirement fund.

- 116.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.01,
- 116.2 subdivision 5, is amended to read:
- 116.3 Subd. 5. **RETIREMENT FUND.** (a) "Retirement fund" means
- 116.4 the general state employees retirement fund created by section
- 116.5 352.04, subdivision 1, with respect to the general state
- 116.6 employees retirement plan or the correctional state employees
- 116.7 retirement fund created by section 352.911, subdivision 1, with
- 116.8 respect to the correctional state employees retirement plan.
- 116.9 (b) "The retirement fund" includes the aggregate of
- 116.10 accumulated contributions of employees covered by the applicable
- 116.11 plan, and all other funds paid into the state treasury or
- 116.12 received by the director under Laws 1929, chapter 191, as
- 116.13 amended this chapter, together with all income and profits from
- 116.14 the money and interest on it, including contributions on the
- 116.15 part of the federal government, the state, and state departments.
- 116.16 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.01,
- 116.17 subdivision 21, is amended to read:
- 116.18 Subd. 21. ACCRUED ANNUITIES. (a) In this chapter and
- 116.19 chapters 3A, 352B, 352C, and 490, "accrued annuity" means an
- 116.20 annuity that had become payable to a retired employee in the
- 116.21 lifetime of the employee.
- 116.22 (b) An annuity or benefit authorized as provided in this
- 116.23 chapter and chapters 3A, 352B, 352C, and 490 becomes payable on
- 116.24 the first day of each calendar month for that calendar month and
- 116.25 is to must be paid on the first day of each calendar month
- 116.26 beginning with benefits payable on and after December 1, 1977.
- 116.27 (c) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this
- 116.28 chapter and chapters 3A, 352B, 352C, and 490, benefit payment
- 116.29 authorized as "payable for life" is payable for the entire month
- 116.30 in which death occurs, and the benefit payment for the month of
- 116.31 death is payable to the surviving spouse or other beneficiary
- 116.32 only if the annuitant dies before negotiating the benefit check.
- 116.33 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.01,
- 116.34 subdivision 23, is amended to read:
- 116.35 Subd. 23. COVERAGE OR COVERED BY THE SYSTEM. "Coverage"
- 116.36 or "covered by the system" means that a state employees employee

- 117.1 who serve serves the state of Minnesota and make makes the
- 117.2 required employee contributions to the retirement fund will is,
- 117.3 by reason of these contributions become, entitled to either (1)
- 117.4 a retirement annuity, or (2) a disability benefit, or (3) a
- 117.5 refund of accumulated contributions, as provided in this chapter.
- 117.6 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.021,
- 117.7 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 117.8 Subdivision 1. **ESTABLISHMENT.** (a) There is established
- 117.9 the general state employees retirement plan of the Minnesota
- 117.10 State Retirement System for state employees.
- 117.11 (b) The system general state employees retirement plan is a
- 117.12 continuation of the State Employees Retirement Association.
- 117.13 (c) Any person who was a member of the State Employees
- 117.14 Retirement Association on June 30, 1967, is covered by
- 117.15 the system general state employees retirement plan and is
- 117.16 entitled to all benefits provided by the system plan upon
- 117.17 fulfilling the age, service, contribution, and other
- 117.18 requirements of this chapter.
- 117.19 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.021,
- 117.20 subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 117.21 Subd. 2. STATE EMPLOYEES COVERED. Every person who is a
- 117.22 state employee, as defined in section 352.01, on July 1, 1967,
- 117.23 or becomes a state employee after that date as defined in
- 117.24 <u>section 352.01</u> is covered by the system general state employees
- 117.25 retirement plan. Acceptance of state employment or continuance
- 117.26 in state service is deemed $\underline{\text{to be}}$ consent to have deductions made
- 117.27 from salary for deposit to the credit of the account of the
- 117.28 state employee in the retirement fund.
- 117.29 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.021,
- 117.30 subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 117.31 Subd. 3. OPTIONAL EXEMPTIONS. Any person who is
- 117.32 appointed by the governor or lieutenant governor may request
- 117.33 exemption from coverage by the general state employees
- 117.34 retirement plan under this chapter if the appointee is not so
- 117.35 covered at by the plan on the date of appointment. To qualify
- 117.36 for this exemption, a written request must be made within 90

- 118.1 days from the date of entering upon the duties of the position
- 118.2 to which the person is appointed. After making the request, a
- 118.3 person requesting the exemption is not entitled to coverage by
- 118.4 the general state employees retirement plan while employed in
- 118.5 the position that entitled that person to an exemption from
- 118.6 coverage.
- 118.7 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.021,
- 118.8 subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 118.9 Subd. 4. REENTERING SERVICE AFTER REFUND. When a former
- 118.10 employee who has withdrawn accumulated contributions reenters
- 118.11 employment in a position entitled to coverage under the
- 118.12 system general state employees retirement plan, the employee
- $118.13 \frac{\text{shall}}{\text{shall}}$ must be covered by the $\frac{\text{system}}{\text{system}}$ plan on the same basis as a
- 118.14 new employee and is not entitled to credit for any former
- 118.15 service. The annuity rights forfeited when taking a refund can
- 118.16 only be restored as provided in this chapter.
- 118.17 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.04,
- 118.18 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 118.19 Subdivision 1. FUND CREATED. (a) There is created a
- 118.20 special fund to be known as the general state employees
- 118.21 retirement fund. In that fund there shall be deposited
- 118.22 cmployees, employee contributions, cmployers employer
- 118.23 contributions, and other amounts authorized by law must be
- 118.24 deposited.
- 118.25 (b) Effective July 1, 1969, The general state employees
- 118.26 retirement plan of the Minnesota State Retirement System shall
- 118.27 must participate in the Minnesota postretirement investment fund.
- 118.28 In that fund there shall be deposited The amounts provided in
- 118.29 section 352.119 must be deposited in the Minnesota
- 118.30 postretirement investment fund.
- 118.31 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.04,
- 118.32 subdivision 12, is amended to read:
- 118.33 Subd. 12. **FUND DISBURSEMENT RESTRICTED.** The general
- 118.34 state employees retirement fund and the participation in the
- 118.35 Minnesota postretirement investment fund must be disbursed only
- 118.36 for the purposes provided by law. The expenses of the system

- 119.1 and any benefits provided by law, other than benefits payable
- 119.2 from the Minnesota postretirement investment fund, must be paid
- 119.3 from the general state employees retirement fund. The
- 119.4 retirement allowances, retirement annuities, and disability
- 119.5 benefits, as well as refunds of any sum remaining to the credit
- 119.6 of a deceased retired employee or a disabled employee must be
- 119.7 paid only from the general state employees retirement fund after
- 119.8 the needs have been certified and the amounts withdrawn from the
- 119.9 participation in the Minnesota postretirement investment fund
- 119.10 under section 11A.18. The amounts necessary to make the
- 119.11 payments from the general state employees retirement fund and
- 119.12 the participation in the Minnesota postretirement investment
- 119.13 fund are annually appropriated from these funds for those
- 119.14 purposes.
- 119.15 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.041,
- 119.16 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 119.17 Subdivision 1. ALLOWABLE SERVICE CREDIT. Any (a) An
- 119.18 employee covered by the system general state employees
- 119.19 $\underline{\text{retirement plan}}$ who is given a leave of absence for employment
- 119.20 by a political subdivision of the state shall remains a member
- 119.21 of the plan and must continue to pay member contributions into
- 119.22 the general state employees retirement fund for the period of
- 119.23 leave.
- 119.24 (b) Upon payment of member contributions, the employee must
- 119.25 be given allowable service credit as a state employee on the
- 119.26 records of the system retirement plan as though the employee had
- 119.27 received salary from the state during the leave. Payments into
- 119.28 the retirement fund shall must be at the rate required in
- 119.29 section 352.04, subdivision 2, and must be based upon the salary
- 119.30 received from the political subdivision subject to the maximum
- 119.31 amount, if any.
- 119.32 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.041,
- 119.33 subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 119.34 Subd. 2. EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS, PROCEDURE. The officer
- 119.35 or employee who is authorized by law to pay salaries to
- 119.36 employees of the political subdivision which is employing a

- 120.1 state employee shall have must deduct employee contributions
- 120.2 deducted for the general state employees retirement plan under
- 120.3 section 352.04, subdivision 2, from the salary of each employee
- 120.4 who is on leave of absence from state service on each payroll
- 120.5 abstract and shall must pay the sum to the director following
- 120.6 the conclusion of each pay period.
- 120.7 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.041,
- 120.8 subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 120.9 Subd. 3. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS, PROCEDURE. The officer
- 120.10 or employee who is authorized by law to pay salaries to
- 120.11 employees of the political subdivision which is employing a
- 120.12 state employee covered by the system shall general state
- 120.13 employees retirement plan also must have employer contributions
- 120.14 made to the general state employees retirement fund on following
- 120.15 the conclusion of each payroll abstract in the amount required
- 120.16 by section 352.04, subdivision 3. These contributions $\frac{1}{2}$
- 120.17 must be charged to the political subdivision as an
- 120.18 administrative cost.
- 120.19 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.041,
- 120.20 subdivision 5, is amended to read:
- 120.21 Subd. 5. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS, LEAVES OF ABSENCE; TAX
- 120.22 LEVIES. (a) Every political subdivision which is employing a
- 120.23 state employee covered by the system on leave of absence from
- 120.24 state service for employment by a political subdivision of the
- 120.25 state shall pay into the state employees retirement fund the
- 120.26 amount of the employer contribution required by law for state
- 120.27 employees covered by the system under section 352.04,
- 120.28 <u>subdivision 3</u>.
- 120.29 (b) Employing political subdivisions, except other than
- 120.30 school districts, may levy taxes necessary for the payment of
- 120.31 employer contributions without limitation as to rate or amount.
- 120.32 The levy of the taxes does not reduce the amount of other
- 120.33 taxes to that may be levied by political subdivisions,
- 120.34 except other than school districts, which are subject to any
- 120.35 limitation.
- 120.36 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.15,

- 121.1 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 121.2 Subdivision 1. **EXEMPTION; EXCEPTIONS.** None of the money,
- 121.3 annuities, or other benefits mentioned in this chapter is
- 121.4 assignable either in law or in equity or subject to execution,
- 121.5 levy, attachment, garnishment, or other legal process, except as
- 121.6 provided in subdivision la or section 518.58, 518.581, or
- 121.7 518.6111. The provisions of section 356.401 apply to the general
- 121.8 state employees retirement plan and to the correctional state
- 121.9 employees retirement plan.
- 121.10 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.15,
- 121.11 subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 121.12 Subd. 3. **DEDUCTING HEALTH OR DENTAL INSURANCE PREMIUMS.**
- 121.13 The board may direct authorize, at its discretion, the deduction
- 121.14 of a retiree's health or dental insurance premiums and transfer
- 121.15 of the amounts to a health or dental insurance carrier covering
- 121.16 state employees. The insurance carrier must certify that the
- 121.17 retired employee has signed an authorization for the deduction
- 121.18 and provide a computer readable roster of covered retirees and
- 121.19 amounts. The health or dental insurance carrier must refund
- 121.20 deductions withheld from a retiree's check in error directly to
- 121.21 the retiree. The board shall require that the insurance carrier
- 121.22 to reimburse the fund for the administrative expense of
- 121.23 withholding the premium amounts. The insurance carrier shall
- 121.24 assume liability for any failure of the system to properly
- 121.25 withhold the premium amounts.
- 121.26 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.15,
- 121.27 subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 121.28 Subd. 4. **DIRECT TRANSFER OF REFUNDS.** A direct transfer
- 121.29 of account refunds under this chapter may be made to an
- 121.30 individual retirement savings accounts or a qualified retirement
- 121.31 plans plan of the person upon the receipt of an application for
- 121.32 transfer by a former employee, on forms acceptable to the
- 121.33 executive director.
- 121.34 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.22,
- 121.35 subdivision 10, is amended to read:
- 121.36 Subd. 10. OTHER REFUNDS. Former employees covered by the

- 122.1 system are entitled to apply for refunds if they are or become
- 122.2 members of the State Patrol retirement fund, the state Teachers
- 122.3 Retirement Association, or employees of the University of
- 122.4 Minnesota excluded from coverage under the system by action of
- 122.5 the Board of Regents; or labor service employees, excluded from
- 122.6 coverage under section 352.01, subdivision 2b, clause (25); or
- 122.7 employees of the adjutant general who under federal law
- 122.8 effectually elect membership in a federal retirement system; or
- 122.9 officers or employees of the senate or house of representatives,
- 122.10 excluded from coverage under section 352.01, subdivision 2b,
- 122.11 clause (8) (7). The refunds must include accumulated
- 122.12 contributions plus interest as provided in subdivision 2. These
- 122.13 employees may apply for a refund once 30 days or more have
- 122.14 elapsed after their coverage ceases, even if they continue in
- 122.15 state service but in positions not covered by this chapter.
- 122.16 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352B.01,
- 122.17 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 122.18 Subdivision 1. SCOPE. In this chapter, each of the terms
- 122.19 defined in this section $\underline{\text{have}}\ \underline{\text{has}}$ the $\underline{\text{meaning}}\ \underline{\text{meaning}}$ given
- 122.20 them to it.
- 122.21 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352B.01,
- 122.22 subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 122.23 Subd. 2. MEMBER. "Member" means:
- 122.24 (1) a State Patrol member currently employed after June 30,
- 122.25 1943, under section 299D.03 by the state, who is a peace officer
- 122.26 under section 626.84, and whose salary or compensation is paid
- 122.27 out of state funds;
- 122.28 (2) a conservation officer employed under section 97A.201,
- 122.29 currently employed by the state, whose salary or compensation is
- 122.30 paid out of state funds;
- 122.31 (3) a crime bureau officer who was employed by the crime
- 122.32 bureau and was a member of the Highway Patrolmen's retirement
- 122.33 fund on July 1, 1978, whether or not that person has the power
- 122.34 of arrest by warrant after that date, or who is employed as
- 122.35 police personnel, with powers of arrest by warrant under section
- 122.36 299C.04, and who is currently employed by the state, and whose

- 123.1 salary or compensation is paid out of state funds;
- 123.2 (4) a person who is employed by the state in the Department
- 123.3 of Public Safety in a data processing management position with
- 123.4 salary or compensation paid from state funds, who was a crime
- 123.5 bureau officer covered by the State Patrol retirement plan on
- 123.6 August 15, 1987, and who was initially hired in the data
- 123.7 processing management position within the department during
- 123.8 September 1987, or January 1988, with membership continuing for
- 123.9 the duration of the person's employment in that position,
- 123.10 whether or not the person has the power of arrest by warrant
- 123.11 after August 15, 1987;
- 123.12 (5) a public safety employee defined as who is a peace
- 123.13 officer in under section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph (c),
- 123.14 and who is employed with by the Division of Alcohol and Gambling
- 123.15 Enforcement under section 299L.01; and
- 123.16 (6) a Fugitive Apprehension Unit officer after October 31,
- 123.17 2000, who is employed by the Office of Special Investigations of
- 123.18 the Department of Corrections and who is a peace officer under
- 123.19 section 626.84.
- 123.20 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352B.01,
- 123.21 subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 123.22 Subd. 3. ALLOWABLE SERVICE. (a) "Allowable service"
- 123.23 means:
- 123.24 (1) for members defined in subdivision 2, clause $\frac{(a)}{(1)}$,
- 123.25 monthly service is granted for in any month for which payments
- 123.26 have been made to the State Patrol retirement fund, and
- 123.27 (2) for members defined in subdivision 2, clauses (b) (2)
- 123.28 and $\frac{\text{(c)}}{\text{(3)}}$, service for which payments have been made to the
- 123.29 State Patrol retirement fund, service for which payments were
- 123.30 made to the State Police officers retirement fund after June 30,
- 123.31 1961, and all prior service which was credited to a member for
- 123.32 service on or before June 30, 1961.
- 123.33 (b) Allowable service also includes any period of absence
- 123.34 from duty by a member who, by reason of injury incurred in the
- 123.35 performance of duty, is temporarily disabled and for which
- 123.36 disability the state is liable under the workers' compensation

- 124.1 law, until the date authorized by the executive director for
- 124.2 commencement of payment of a disability benefit or return to
- 124.3 employment.
- 124.4 (c) MS 2002 (Expired)
- 124.5 (c) Allowable service means service in a month during which
- 124.6 a member is paid a salary from which a member contribution is
- 124.7 deducted, deposited, and credited in the State Patrol retirement
- 124.8 plan.
- 124.9 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352B.02,
- 124.10 subdivision 1e, is amended to read:
- 124.11 Subd. 1e. AUDIT; ACTUARIAL VALUATION. The legislative
- 124.12 auditor shall audit the fund. Any actuarial valuation of the
- 124.13 fund required under section 356.215 must be prepared by the
- 124.14 actuary retained under section 356.214. Any approved actuary
- 124.15 retained by the executive director under section 352.03,
- 124.16 subdivision 6, may perform actuarial valuations and experience
- 124.17 studies to supplement those performed by the commission retained
- 124.18 actuary retained under section 356.214. Any supplemental
- 124.19 actuarial valuation or experience studies shall be filed with
- 124.20 the executive director of the Legislative Commission on Pensions
- 124.21 and Retirement.
- 124.22 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352B.071, is
- 124.23 amended to read:
- 124.24 352B.071 EXEMPTION FROM PROCESS.
- 124.25 None of the money, annuities, or other benefits provided
- 124.26 for in this chapter is assignable either in law or in equity or
- 124.27 be subject to execution, levy, attachment, garnishment, or other
- 124.28 legal process, except as provided in section 518.58, 518.581, or
- 124.29 518.6111. The provisions of section 356.401 apply to the state
- 124.30 patrol retirement plan.
- 124.31 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352D.01, is
- 124.32 amended to read:
- 124.33 352D.01 **ESTABLISHMENT.**
- 124.34 There is hereby established within the Minnesota State
- 124.35 Retirement System a retirement program for certain public
- 124.36 employees to be known as the Minnesota unclassified employees

- 125.1 retirement program, which shall be. The program must be
- 125.2 administered by the Minnesota State Retirement System.
- 125.3 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352D.015,
- 125.4 subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 125.5 Subd. 3. SUPPLEMENTAL INVESTMENT FUND. "Supplemental
- 125.6 investment fund" means the fund established and governed by
- 125.7 section 11A.17.
- 125.8 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352D.015,
- 125.9 subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 125.10 Subd. 4. **GENERAL FUND.** "General fund" means the general
- 125.11 state employees retirement fund except the moneys for the
- 125.12 unclassified program.
- 125.13 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352D.03, is
- 125.14 amended to read:
- 125.15 352D.03 TRANSFER OF ASSETS.
- 125.16 Unless an eligible employee enumerated in section 352D.02,
- 125.17 subdivision 1 or 1a, has elected coverage under the individual
- 125.18 retirement account plan under chapter 354B, a sum of money
- 125.19 representing the assets credited to each employee exercising the
- 125.20 option contained in section 352D.02, plus an equal employer
- 125.21 contribution together with interest for the employment period at
- 125.22 the actuarially assumed rates rate of 8.5 percent during this
- 125.23 period, compounded annually, shall must be used for the purchase
- 125.24 of shares on behalf of each employee in the accounts of the
- 125.25 supplemental retirement fund established by section 11A.17. Any
- 125.26 employer's contribution to amortize the deficit in the state
- 125.27 employee's retirement fund shall not, however, be used for the
- 125.28 purchase of shares.
- 125.29 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352D.05,
- 125.30 subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 125.31 Subd. 4. REPAYMENT OF REFUND. (a) A participant in the
- 125.32 unclassified program may repay regular refunds taken pursuant to
- 125.33 under section 352.22, as provided in section 352.23.
- 125.34 (b) A participant in the unclassified program or an
- 125.35 employee covered by the general plan who has withdrawn the value
- 125.36 of the total shares may repay the refund taken and thereupon

- 126.1 restore the service credit, rights and benefits forfeited by
- 126.2 paying into the fund the amount refunded plus interest at an
- 126.3 annual rate of 8.5 percent compounded annually from the date
- 126.4 that the refund was taken until the date that the refund is
- 126.5 repaid. If the participant had withdrawn only the employee
- 126.6 shares as permitted under prior laws, repayment shall must be
- 126.7 pro rata. Payment shall
- 126.8 (c) Except as provided in section 356.441, the repayment of
- 126.9 <u>a refund under this section must</u> be made in a lump sum.
- 126.10 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352D.085,
- 126.11 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 126.12 Subdivision 1. COMBINED SERVICE. Except as provided in
- 126.13 section 356.30, 356.302, or 356.303, service under the
- 126.14 unclassified program for which the employee has been credited
- 126.15 with employee shares may be used for the limited purpose of
- 126.16 qualifying for benefits under sections 352.115, 352.72,
- 126.17 subdivision 1, 352.113, 354.44, 354.45, 354.48, and $354.60 \div$
- 126.18 provided such. The service also may not be used to qualify for
- 126.19 a disability benefit under section 352.113 or 354.48 if a
- 126.20 participant was under the unclassified program at the time of
- 126.21 the disability, and provided further that. Also, the years of
- 126.22 service and salary paid while the participant was in the
- 126.23 unclassified program $\frac{1}{2}$ may not be used in determining the
- 126.24 amount of benefits.
- 126.25 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352D.09,
- 126.26 subdivision 5, is amended to read:
- 126.27 Subd. 5. **UNCLAIMED BENEFITS.** If the beneficiary,
- 126.28 surviving spouse or estate has not made application for benefits
- 126.29 within ten years after the date of the death of a participant,
- 126.30 the value of the shares shall be is appropriated to the regular
- 126.31 general state employees retirement fund and $\underline{\text{the}}$ provisions of
- 126.32 section 352.12, subdivision 12 shall, govern. If a former
- 126.33 participant fails to make a claim for benefits within five years
- 126.34 after the termination of covered service or by age 70, whichever
- 126.35 is later, the value of the shares $\frac{126.35}{120}$ appropriated to
- 126.36 the general <u>state</u> employees retirement fund and the provisions

- 127.1 of section 352.22, subdivision 8, shall apply.
- 127.2 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352D.12, is
- 127.3 amended to read:
- 127.4 352D.12 TRANSFER OF PRIOR SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS.
- 127.5 (a) An employee who is a participant in the unclassified
- 127.6 program and who has prior service credit in a covered plan under
- 127.7 chapters 3A, chapter 352, 352C, 353, 354, 354A, and or 422A
- 127.8 may, within the time limits specified in this section, elect to
- 127.9 transfer to the unclassified program prior service contributions
- 127.10 to one or more of those plans. Participants with six or more
- 127.11 years of prior service credit in a plan governed by chapter 3A
- 127.12 or 352C on July 1, 1998, may not transfer prior service
- 127.13 contributions. Participants with less than six years of prior
- 127.14 service credit in a plan governed by chapter 3A or 352C on July
- 127.15 1, 1998, must be contributing to the unclassified plan on or
- 127.16 after January 5, 1999, in order to transfer prior contributions.
- 127.17 (b) For participants with prior service credit in a plan
- 127.18 governed by chapter 352, 353, 354, 354A, or 422A, "prior service
- 127.19 contributions" means the accumulated employee and equal employer
- 127.20 contributions with interest at an annual rate of 8.5 percent
- 127.21 compounded annually, based on fiscal year balances. For
- 127.22 participants with less than six years of service credit as of
- 127.23 July 1, 1998, and with prior service credit in a plan governed
- 127.24 by chapter 3A or 352C, "prior service contributions" means an
- 127.25 amount equal to twice the amount of the accumulated member
- 127.26 contributions plus annual compound interest at the rate of 8.5
- 127.27 percent, computed on fiscal year balances.
- 127.28 (c) If a participant has taken a refund from a retirement
- 127.29 plan listed in this section, the participant may repay the
- 127.30 refund to that plan, notwithstanding any restrictions on
- 127.31 repayment to that plan, plus 8.5 percent interest compounded
- 127.32 annually and have the accumulated employee and equal employer
- 127.33 contributions transferred to the unclassified program with
- 127.34 interest at an annual rate of 8.5 percent compounded annually
- 127.35 based on fiscal year balances. If a person repays a refund and
- 127.36 subsequently elects to have the money transferred to the

- 128.1 unclassified program, the repayment amount, including interest,
- 128.2 is added to the fiscal year balance in the year which the
- 128.3 repayment was made.
- 128.4 (d) A participant electing to transfer prior service
- 128.5 contributions credited to a retirement plan governed by chapter
- 128.6 352, 353, 354, 354A, or 422A as provided under this section must
- 128.7 complete the a written application for the transfer and repay
- 128.8 any refund within one year of the commencement of the employee's
- 128.9 participation in the unclassified program. A participant
- 128.10 electing to transfer prior service contributions credited to a
- 128.11 retirement plan governed by chapter 3A or 352C as provided under
- 128.12 this section must complete the application for the transfer and
- 128.13 repay any refund between January 5, 1999, and June 1, 1999, if
- 128.14 the employee commenced participation in the unclassified program
- 128.15 before January 5, 1999, or within one year of the commencement
- 128.16 of the employee's participation in the unclassified program if
- 128.17 the employee commenced participation in the unclassified program
- 128.18 after January 4, 1999.
- 128.19 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353.01,
- 128.20 subdivision 32, is amended to read:
- 128.21 Subd. 32. COORDINATED MEMBER. "Coordinated member" means
- 128.22 any a public employee, including any a public hospital employee,
- 128.23 who is covered by $\frac{1}{2}$ and agreement or modification made between
- 128.24 the state and the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare
- 128.25 Human Services, making the provisions of the federal Old Age,
- 128.26 Survivors and Disability Insurance Act applicable to the member
- 128.27 if the membership eligibility criteria are met under this
- 128.28 chapter. A coordinated member also is a former basic member who
- 128.29 has a complete and continuous separation for at least 30 days
- 128.30 from employment as a public employee meeting the requirements
- 128.31 specified in subdivision 28, paragraphs (a) and (b), and who
- 128.32 reenters public service as a public employee and meets the
- 128.33 membership eligibility criteria under this chapter.
- 128.34 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353.01,
- 128.35 subdivision 33, is amended to read:
- 128.36 Subd. 33. BASIC MEMBER. "Basic member" means any a

- 129.1 public employee, including $\frac{1}{2}$ public hospital employee, $\frac{1}{2}$
- 129.2 is not covered by any agreement or modification made between the
- 129.3 state and the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Human
- 129.4 Services.
- 129.5 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353.025, is
- 129.6 amended to read:
- 129.7 353.025 RANGE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES AND SCHOOLS.
- 129.8 From and after January 1, 1982, Employees of the Range
- 129.9 Association of Municipalities and Schools hereinafter referred
- 129.10 to as the association, shall become are coordinated members of
- 129.11 the general employees retirement plan of the Public Employees
- 129.12 Retirement Association unless specifically exempt under section
- 129.13 353.01, subdivision 2b, and. The Range Association shall be
- 129.14 deemed to be of Municipalities and Schools is a governmental
- 129.15 subdivision for the purposes of this chapter.
- 129.16 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353.026, is
- 129.17 amended to read:
- 129.18 353.026 COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT
- 129.19 **EMPLOYEES.**
- 129.20 Any person who was employed by the city of Minneapolis,
- 129.21 Special School District No. 1, or public corporation as defined
- 129.22 in section 422A.01, subdivision 9, on or after July 1, 1978 $_{\underline{\prime}}$ and
- 129.23 prior to before July 1, 1979, and who was excluded from
- 129.24 retirement coverage by the coordinated program of the
- 129.25 Minneapolis municipal employees retirement fund pursuant to
- 129.26 under section 422A.09, subdivision 3, shall be is entitled to
- 129.27 retirement coverage by the general employees retirement plan of
- 129.28 the Public Employees Retirement Association unless specifically
- 129.29 excluded pursuant to under section 353.01, subdivision 2b, from
- 129.30 and after May 19, 1981.
- 129.31 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353.027, is
- 129.32 amended to read:
- 129.33 353.027 RETENTION OF COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL COURT
- 129.34 **EMPLOYEES.**
- 129.35 Any person employed on January 1, 1975, by a municipal
- 129.36 court established pursuant to under Minnesota Statutes 1957,

- 130.1 section 488.03, and located in the cities of New Brighton,
- 130.2 Roseville, Maplewood, North Saint Paul, White Bear Lake, or St.
- 130.3 Paul shall be is eligible for membership in the general
- 130.4 employees retirement plan of the Public Employees Retirement
- 130.5 Association and shall retain retains any rights or benefits the
- 130.6 person had attained as a member of the general employees
- 130.7 retirement plan of the association on January 1, 1975, so long
- 130.8 as the person remains an employee of the municipal court of
- 130.9 Ramsey County.
- 130.10 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353.028, is
- 130.11 amended to read:
- 130.12 353.028 CITY MANAGERS; ELECTION; DEFERRED COMPENSATION.
- 130.13 Subdivision 1. **DEFINITIONS.** (a) For purposes of this
- 130.14 section, each of the terms in this subdivision has the meaning
- 130.15 indicated.
- 130.16 (b) "City manager" means (1) a person who is duly appointed
- 130.17 to and is holding the position of city manager in a Plan B
- 130.18 statutory city or in a home rule city operating under the
- 130.19 "council-manager" form of government, or (2) a person $\underline{\text{who is}}$
- 130.20 appointed to and \underline{is} holding the position of chief administrative
- 130.21 officer of a home rule charter city or a statutory city pursuant
- 130.22 to under a charter provision, ordinance, or resolution
- 130.23 establishing such a position and prescribing its duties and
- 130.24 responsibilities.
- 130.25 (c) "Governing body" means the city council of the city
- 130.26 employing the city manager.
- 130.27 $\underline{\text{(d)}}$ "Election" means the election described in subdivision
- 130.28 2.
- 130.29 Subd. 2. **ELECTION.** (a) A city manager may elect to be
- 130.30 excluded from membership in the general employees retirement
- 130.31 plan of the Public Employees Retirement Association. The
- 130.32 election of exclusion must be made within six months following
- 130.33 the commencement of employment, must be made in writing on a
- 130.34 form prescribed by the executive director, and must be approved
- 130.35 by a resolution of adopted by the governing body of the city.
- 130.36 The election of exclusion is not effective until it is filed

131.1 with the executive director. Membership of a city manager in 131.2 the association general employees retirement plan ceases on the 131.3 date the written election is received by the executive director 131.4 or upon a later date specified. Employee and employer 131.5 contributions made on behalf of a person exercising the option 131.6 to be excluded from membership under this section must be 131.7 refunded in accordance with section 353.27, subdivision 7. 131.8 (b) A city manager who has elected exclusion under this 131.9 subdivision may elect to revoke that action by filing a written 131.10 notice with the executive director. The notice must be on a 131.11 form prescribed by the executive director and must be approved 131.12 by a resolution of the governing body of the city. Membership 131.13 of the city manager in the association resumes prospectively 131.14 from the date of the first day of the pay period for which 131.15 contributions were deducted or, if pay period coverage dates are 131.16 not provided, the date on which the notice of revocation or 131.17 contributions are received in the office of the association, 131.18 provided that the notice of revocation is received by the 131.19 association within 60 days of the receipt of contributions. (c) An election under paragraph (b) is irrevocable. Any 131.20 131.21 election under paragraph (a) or (b) must include a statement 131.22 that the individual will not seek authorization to purchase 131.23 service credit for any period of excluded service. Subd. 3. DEFERRED COMPENSATION; CITY CONTRIBUTION. If an 131.25 election of exclusion is made, and if the city manager and the 131.26 governing body of the city additionally agree in writing that 131.27 the additional compensation is to be deferred and shall is to be 131.28 contributed on behalf of the city manager to a deferred 131.29 compensation program which meets the requirements of section 457 131.30 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 1986, as amended through 131.31 December 31, 1980, the governing body may compensate the city 131.32 manager, in addition to the salary allowed under any limitation 131.33 imposed on salaries by law or charter, in an amount equal to the 131.34 employer contribution which would be required by section 353.27, 131.35 subdivision 3, if the city manager were a member of the

131.36 association general employees retirement plan.

- 132.1 Subd. 4. REFUNDS; DEFERRED ANNUITY. A city manager who
- 132.2 makes an election to be excluded from membership is entitled to
- 132.3 a refund of accumulated deductions or, if otherwise qualified, a
- 132.4 deferred annuity in the manner provided by under section 353.34,
- 132.5 at the option of the manager.
- 132.6 Subd. 5. **ELECTION; OTHER EMPLOYMENT.** If a city manager
- 132.7 who has made an election to be excluded subsequently accepts
- 132.8 employment in another governmental subdivision or subsequently
- 132.9 accepts employment other than as a city manager in the same
- 132.10 city, the election shall be deemed to have been is rescinded on
- 132.11 the effective date of employment.
- 132.12 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353.14, is
- 132.13 amended to read:
- 132.14 353.14 BENEFITS FROM OTHER FUNDS.
- 132.15 No annuity or benefit provided by this chapter shall may be
- 132.16 affected, diminished, or impaired by any pension, benefit, or
- 132.17 annuity which any member or survivor is entitled to receive from
- 132.18 a tax supported public retirement plan or system authorized by
- 132.19 any other law, for based on service that is different service
- 132.20 than the service for which the member or survivor is entitled to
- 132.21 receive benefit or annuity from a retirement plan administered
- 132.22 by the Public Employees Retirement Association.
- 132.23 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353.15,
- 132.24 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 132.25 Subdivision 1. **EXEMPTION; EXCEPTIONS.** No money, annuity,
- 132.26 or benefit provided for in this chapter is assignable or subject
- 132.27 to execution, levy, attachment, garnishment, or legal process,
- 132.28 except as provided in subdivision 2 or section 518.58, 518.581,
- 132.29 or 518.6111. The provisions of section 356.401 apply to the
- 132.30 general employees retirement plan, to the public employees
- 132.31 police and fire retirement plan, and to the local government
- 132.32 correctional service retirement plan.
- 132.33 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353.15,
- 132.34 subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 132.35 Subd. 3. PAYMENT TO PUBLIC BODIES. If , in the judgment
- 132.36 of the executive director, conditions so warrant, payment of an

- 133.1 <u>annuity</u>, a retirement benefit, or a refund may be made to a
- 133.2 public body in behalf of an annuitant, disabilitant, or survivor
- 133.3 upon such terms as the executive director may prescribe.
- 133.4 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353.27,
- 133.5 subdivision 11, is amended to read:
- 133.6 Subd. 11. EMPLOYERS; REQUIRED TO FURNISH REQUESTED
- 133.7 **INFORMATION.** (a) All governmental subdivisions shall furnish
- 133.8 promptly such other information relative to the employment
- 133.9 status of all employees or former employees, including, but not
- 133.10 limited to, payroll abstracts pertaining to all past and present
- 133.11 employees, as may be requested by the association or its
- 133.12 executive director, including schedules of salaries applicable
- 133.13 to various categories of employment.
- 133.14 $\underline{\text{(b)}}$ In the event payroll abstract records have been lost or
- 133.15 destroyed, for whatever reason or in whatever manner, so that
- 133.16 such schedules of salaries cannot be furnished therefrom, the
- 133.17 employing governmental subdivision, in lieu thereof, shall
- 133.18 furnish to the association an estimate of the earnings of any
- 133.19 employee or former employee for any period as may be requested
- 133.20 by the association or its executive director. Should If the
- 133.21 association receive such schedules is provided a schedule of
- 133.22 estimated earnings, the executive director is hereby authorized
- 133.23 to use the same as a basis for making whatever computations
- 133.24 might be necessary for determining obligations of the employee
- 133.25 and employer to the retirement fund. If estimates are not
- 133.26 furnished by the employer $\frac{1}{2}$ pursuant to $\frac{1}{2}$ the request of the
- 133.27 association or its executive director, the association executive
- 133.28 director may estimate the obligations of the employee and
- 133.29 employer to the retirement fund based upon such those records as
- 133.30 that are in its possession. Where payroll abstracts have been
- 133.31 lost or destroyed, the governmental agency need not furnish any
- 133.32 information pertaining to employment prior to July 1, 1963. The
- 133.33 association shall make no estimate of any obligation of any
- 133.34 employee, former employee, or employer covering employment prior
- 133.35 to July 1, 1963.
- 133.36 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353.271, is

- 134.1 amended to read:
- 134.2 353.271 PARTICIPATION IN MINNESOTA POSTRETIREMENT
- 134.3 **INVESTMENT FUND.**
- 134.4 Subdivision 1. **AUTHORIZATION.** The general employees
- 134.5 retirement plan of the Public Employees Retirement Association,
- 134.6 including the public employees police and fire fund but
- 134.7 excluding the various local relief association consolidation
- 134.8 accounts, is retirement plan, and the local government
- 134.9 correctional service retirement plan are authorized to
- 134.10 participate in the Minnesota postretirement investment fund.
- 134.11 There shall be is one general participation in the Minnesota
- 134.12 postretirement investment fund for all purposes by each plan of
- 134.13 the Public Employees Retirement fund and one general
- 134.14 participation in the Minnesota postretirement investment fund
- 134.15 for all purposes by the public employees police and fire
- 134.16 fund Association.
- 134.17 Subd. 2. VALUATION OF ASSETS; ADJUSTMENT OF BENEFITS.
- 134.18 (1) (a) The required reserves for retirement annuities payable
- 134.19 as provided in this chapter other than those payable from the
- 134.20 various local relief association consolidation accounts, as
- 134.21 determined in accordance with the appropriate mortality table
- 134.22 adopted by the board of trustees based on the experience of the
- 134.23 fund as recommended by the actuary retained by the Legislative
- 134.24 Commission on Pensions and Retirement under section 356.214, and
- 134.25 approved under section 356.215, subdivision 18, and using the
- 134.26 postretirement interest assumption specified in section 356.215,
- 134.27 subdivision 8, shall must be transferred to the Minnesota
- 134.28 postretirement investment fund as of the last business day of
- 134.29 the month in which the retirement annuity begins.
- 134.30 (b) Annuity payments other than those payable from the
- 134.31 various local relief association consolidation accounts
- $134.32 \frac{\text{shall } \text{must}}{\text{be}}$ be adjusted in accordance with the provisions of
- 134.33 section 11A.18.
- 134.34 (c) Increases in payments pursuant to <u>under</u> this
- 134.35 section or from the various local relief association
- 134.36 consolidation accounts, if applicable, will must be made

- 135.1 automatically unless the intended recipient files written notice
- 135.2 with the executive director of the Public Employees Retirement
- 135.3 Association requesting that the increase shall not be made.
- 135.4 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353.31,
- 135.5 subdivision 1c, is amended to read:
- 135.6 Subd. 1c. COORDINATED MEMBERS. Except for benefits
- 135.7 provided under section 353.32, subdivisions 1 and 1a, no
- 135.8 survivor benefits are payable to the surviving spouse or
- 135.9 dependent children of a deceased coordinated member.
- 135.10 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353.32,
- 135.11 subdivision 9, is amended to read:
- 135.12 Subd. 9. **PAYMENT TO A MINOR.** If a member or former
- 135.13 member dies having named as beneficiary a person who is a minor
- 135.14 at the time of the application for refund, the board may make
- 135.15 the payment $\frac{(a)}{(1)}$ directly to the minor, $\frac{(b)}{(2)}$ to any
- 135.16 a person who has legally qualified and is acting as guardian of
- 135.17 the minor's person or property in any jurisdiction, or (c)
- 135.18 to either parent of the minor or to any an adult person with
- 135.19 whom the minor may at the time be living, provided only that.
- 135.20 The parent or other person to whom any amount is to be
- 135.21 paid shall have advised must advise the board in writing that
- 135.22 the amount will be held or used in trust for the benefit of such
- 135.23 minor. Any annuity or disability benefit payable at the time of
- 135.24 death of an annuitant or recipient of a disability benefit,
- 135.25 which is payable to a beneficiary who is a minor, may be paid in
- 135.26 the same manner. Such $\underline{\text{The}}$ payment $\underline{\text{shall be}}$ $\underline{\text{is}}$ a bar to recovery
- 135.27 by any other person or persons.
- 135.28 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 353.33,
- 135.29 subdivision 12, is amended to read:
- 135.30 Subd. 12. BASIC DISABILITY SURVIVOR BENEFITS. If a basic
- 135.31 member who is receiving a disability benefit under subdivision 3:
- 135.32 $\frac{\text{(a)}}{\text{(1)}}$ dies before attaining age 65 or within five years
- 135.33 of the effective date of the disability, whichever is later, the
- 135.34 surviving spouse shall is entitled to receive a survivor benefit
- 135.35 under section 353.31, unless the surviving spouse elected to
- 135.36 receive a refund under section 353.32, subdivision $1 \div i$

- 136.1 (b) (2) is living at age 65 or five years after the
- 136.2 effective date of the disability, whichever is later, the basic
- 136.3 member may continue to receive a normal disability benefit, or
- 136.4 elect a joint and survivor optional annuity under section
- 136.5 353.31, subdivision 1b. The election of the joint and survivor
- 136.6 optional annuity must occur within 90 days of attaining age 65
- 136.7 or of reaching the five-year anniversary of the effective date
- 136.8 of the disability benefit, whichever is later. The optional
- 136.9 annuity takes effect on the first day of the month following the
- 136.10 month in which the person attains age 65 or reaches the
- 136.11 five-year anniversary of the effective date of the disability
- 136.12 benefit, whichever is later-; or
- (c) (3) if there is a dependent child or children under
- 136.14 paragraph (a) or (b) clause (1) or (2), the association shall
- 136.15 grant dependent child is entitled to a dependent child benefit
- 136.16 under section 353.31, subdivision 1b, paragraph (b).
- 136.17 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 354.091, is
- 136.18 amended to read:
- 136.19 354.091 **SERVICE CREDIT.**
- 136.20 (a) In computing service credit, no teacher shall may
- 136.21 receive credit for more than one year of teaching service for
- 136.22 any fiscal year. Commencing July 1, 1961 Additionally, in
- 136.23 crediting allowable service:
- 136.24 (1) if a teacher teaches less than five hours in a day,
- 136.25 service credit must be given for the fractional part of the day
- 136.26 as the term of service performed bears to five hours;
- 136.27 (2) if a teacher teaches five or more hours in a day,
- 136.28 service credit must be given for only one day;
- 136.29 (3) if a teacher teaches at least 170 full days in any
- 136.30 fiscal year, service credit must be given for a full year of
- 136.31 teaching service; and
- 136.32 (4) if a teacher teaches for only a fractional part of the
- 136.33 year, service credit must be given for such fractional part of
- 136.34 the year in the same relationship as the period of service
- 136.35 performed bears to 170 days.
- 136.36 (b) A teacher $\frac{\text{shall}}{\text{shall}}$ receive a full year of service

- 137.1 credit based on the number of days in the employer's full school
- 137.2 year if it that school year is less than 170 days. Teaching
- 137.3 service performed before July 1, 1961, must be computed under
- 137.4 the law in effect at the time it was performed.
- 137.5 (c) A teacher must not lose or gain retirement service
- 137.6 credit as a result of the employer converting to a flexible or
- 137.7 alternate work schedule. If the employer converts to a flexible
- 137.8 or alternate work schedule, the forms for reporting teaching
- 137.9 service and the procedures for determining service credit must
- 137.10 be determined by the executive director with the approval of the
- 137.11 board of trustees.
- 137.12 (d) For all services rendered on or after July 1, 2003,
- 137.13 service credit for all members employed by the Minnesota State
- 137.14 Colleges and Universities system must be determined:
- 137.15 (1) for full-time employees, by the definition of full-time
- 137.16 employment contained in the collective bargaining agreement for
- 137.17 those units listed in section 179A.10, subdivision 2, or
- 137.18 contained in the applicable personnel or salary plan for those
- 137.19 positions designated in section 179A.10, subdivision 1;
- 137.20 (2) for part-time employees, by the appropriate proration
- 137.21 of full-time equivalency based on the provisions contained in
- 137.22 the collective bargaining agreement for those units listed in
- 137.23 section 179A.10, subdivision 2, or contained in the applicable
- 137.24 personnel or salary plan for those positions designated in
- 137.25 section 179A.10, subdivision 1, and the applicable procedures of
- 137.26 the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system; and
- 137.27 (3) in no case may a member receive more than one year of
- 137.28 service credit for any fiscal year.
- 137.29 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 354.10,
- 137.30 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 137.31 Subdivision 1. **EXEMPTION; EXCEPTIONS.** (a) The provisions
- 137.32 of section 356.401 apply to the teachers retirement plan.
- 137.33 (b) The right of a teacher to take advantage of the
- 137.34 benefits provided by this chapter, is a personal right only and
- 137.35 is not assignable. All money to the credit of a teacher's
- 137.36 account in the fund or any money payable to the teacher from the

- 138.1 fund belongs to the state of Minnesota until actually paid to
- 138.2 the teacher or a beneficiary under this chapter.
- 138.3 (c) The association may acknowledge a properly completed
- 138.4 power of attorney form. An assignment or attempted assignment
- 138.5 of a teacher's interest in the fund, or of the beneficiary's
- 138.6 interest in the fund, by a teacher or a beneficiary is void and
- 138.7 exempt from garnishment or levy under attachment or execution,
- 138.8 except as provided in subdivision 2 or 3, or section 518.58,
- 138.9 518.581, or 518.6111.
- 138.10 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 354.10,
- 138.11 subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 138.12 Subd. 3. **PAYMENT TO PUBLIC BODIES.** If , in the judgment
- 138.13 of the executive director, conditions so warrant, payment of an
- 138.14 annuity, a retirement benefit, or a refund may be made to a
- 138.15 public body in behalf of an annuitant, disabilitant, or survivor
- 138.16 upon such terms as the executive director may prescribe.
- 138.17 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 354.10,
- 138.18 subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 138.19 Subd. 4. CHANGES IN DESIGNATED BENEFICIARIES. Any (a) A
- 138.20 beneficiary designated by a retiree or member under section
- 138.21 354.05, subdivision 22, may be changed or revoked by the retiree
- 138.22 or member on a form provided by the executive director.
- (b) A change or revocation made under this subdivision is
- 138.24 valid only if the properly completed form is received by the
- 138.25 association on or before the date of death of the retiree or the
- 138.26 member.
- 138.27 (c) If a designated beneficiary dies before the retiree or
- 138.28 member designating the beneficiary, and a new beneficiary is not
- 138.29 designated, the retiree's or member's estate is the beneficiary.
- 138.30 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 354.33,
- 138.31 subdivision 5, is amended to read:
- 138.32 Subd. 5. RETIREES NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL BENEFITS.
- 138.33 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 354.55, subdivision 3,
- 138.34 when any person retires after July 1, 1973, who $\frac{(a)}{(a)}$ has ten
- 138.35 or more years of allowable service, and (b) (2) does not have
- 138.36 any retroactive Social Security coverage by reason of the

- 139.1 person's position in the retirement system, and $\frac{(c)}{(3)}$ does not
- 139.2 qualify for <u>federal</u> old age and survivor primary benefits at the
- 139.3 time of retirement, the annuity shall must be computed under
- 139.4 section 354.44, subdivision 2, of the law in effect on June 30,
- 139.5 1969, except that accumulations after June 30, 1957, shall must
- 139.6 be calculated using the same mortality table and interest
- 139.7 assumption as are used to transfer the required reserves to the
- 139.8 Minnesota postretirement investment fund.
- 139.9 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 354.39, is
- 139.10 amended to read:
- 139.11 354.39 EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.
- 139.12 After July 1, 1971, any A member of the Teachers Retirement
- 139.13 Association who is employed in a new state university and or any
- 139.14 other new institutions institution of higher learning not
- 139.15 included in any agreement or modification made between the state
- 139.16 and the federal Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Human
- 139.17 Services, making the provisions of the federal Old Age and,
- 139.18 Survivors and Disability Insurance Act applicable to such
- 139.19 members, $\frac{1}{2}$ must be covered under the provisions of this
- 139.20 chapter applicable to coordinated members.
- 139.21 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 354.41,
- 139.22 subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 139.23 Subd. 2. **TEACHERS.** Every teacher after June 30, 1957, in
- 139.24 the service or entering the service of the state or one of its
- 139.25 governmental subdivision subdivisions as a teacher, except
- 139.26 persons specially specifically excluded, shall must become a
- 139.27 member of the association by the acceptance of such employment.
- 139.28 Sec. 59. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 354.42, is
- 139.29 amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 139.30 Subd. 1a. **TEACHERS RETIREMENT FUND.** (a) Within the
- 139.31 Teachers Retirement Association and the state treasury is
- 139.32 created a special retirement fund, which must include all the
- 139.33 assets of the Teachers Retirement Association and all revenue of
- 139.34 the association. The fund is the continuation of the fund
- 139.35 established under Laws 1931, chapter 406, section 2,
- 139.36 notwithstanding the repeal of Minnesota Statutes 1973, section

- 354.42, subdivision 1, by Laws 1974, chapter 289, section 59. 140.1
- (b) The teachers retirement fund must be credited with all 140.2
- 140.3 employee and employer contributions, all investment revenue and
- 140.4 gains, and all other income authorized by law.
- 140.5 (c) From the teachers retirement fund is appropriated the
- 140.6 payments of annuities and benefits authorized by this chapter,
- 140.7 the transfers to the Minnesota postretirement investment fund,
- 140.8 and the reasonable and necessary expenses of administering the
- 140.9 <u>fund</u> and the association.
- 140.10 Sec. 60. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 354.44,
- 140.11 subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- Subd. 2. COMPUTATION OF MONEY PURCHASE ANNUITY. (a) The
- 140.13 amount of retirement annuity is an amount equal to double the
- 140.14 annuity which could be purchased by the member's accumulated
- 140.15 deductions plus interest thereon. The annuity shall must be
- 140.16 determined by the member's age, sex, double the amount of
- 140.17 accumulated deductions, double the amount of interest earned on
- 140.18 the accumulated deductions, and the appropriate mortality tables
- 140.19 and interest rates. To determine the amount of the annuity for
- 140.20 a basic member, the accumulated deductions prior to before July
- 140.21 1, 1957, and the accumulated deductions subsequent to after July
- 140.22 1, 1957, shall must be considered separately.
- 140.23 (1) (b) For service rendered prior to before July 1, 1957,
- 140.24 the accumulated deductions for any a member shall must be
- 140.25 carried forward at a fixed amount which is shown credited to the
- 140.26 member's account as of that date. That fixed amount shall must
- 140.27 also include any payments in lieu of salary deductions which are
- 140.28 to be made in the future and are were actually so made pursuant
- 140.29 to under an agreement executed between the member and the board
- 140.30 as authorized by section 354.50 or any other authorized payments
- 140.31 made by the member to the fund. The annuity granted with
- 140.32 respect to the period shall must be determined as follows:
- 140.33 (a) (1) the fixed amount of the accumulated deductions for
- 140.34 the period including the interest credited on the amount as
- 140.35 earned up to July 1, 1957-; and
- 140.36 (b) (2) annuity purchase rates based on the applicable

- 141.1 mortality table established by the board and the interest rate
- 141.2 assumption in effect prior to before July 1, 1957, in the case
- 141.3 of basic members and an annuity purchase rate based on an
- 141.4 appropriate annuity table of mortality established by the board
- 141.5 as provided in section 354.07, subdivision 1, and using the
- 141.6 applicable postretirement interest rate assumption specified in
- 141.7 section 356.215, subdivision 8, in the case of coordinated
- 141.8 members.
- 141.9 (c) For service rendered subsequent to after July 1,
- 141.10 1957, the accumulated deductions for any a member shall must
- 141.11 consist of the amounts actually credited to the member's account
- 141.12 by reason of salary deductions. The annuity granted with
- 141.13 respect to the period shall must be determined by the following:
- 141.14 $\frac{(a)}{(a)}$ accumulated deductions for the period;
- 141.15 $\frac{\text{(b)}}{\text{(2)}}$ interest credited on these accumulated deductions
- 141.16 from July 1, 1957, to the date of retirement;
- 141.17 (c) (3) interest credited on accumulated deductions
- 141.18 including prior credited interest provided in paragraph (1) (b)
- 141.19 from July 1, 1957, to the date of retirement;
- (d) (4) after the amount available for an annuity granted
- 141.21 with respect to the person is determined in accordance with the
- 141.22 provisions of this subdivision, an additional amount equal to 20
- 141.23 percent of the sum of clause $\frac{(2)(a)}{(1)}$ plus interest credited
- 141.24 to members a member's account from July 1, 1957, to date of
- 141.25 retirement is to be added. This added amount is not to be
- 141.26 doubled as provided for other amounts determined in this
- 141.27 subdivision; and
- 141.28 (e) (5) the annuity purchase rate based on an appropriate
- 141.29 annuity table of mortality established by the board as provided
- 141.30 in section 354.07, subdivision 1, and using the applicable
- 141.31 postretirement interest rate assumption specified in section
- 141.32 356.215, subdivision 8.
- 141.33 Sec. 61. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 354A.021,
- 141.34 subdivision 5, is amended to read:
- 141.35 Subd. 5. TAX SHELTERED ANNUITY PROGRAM AND FUND. Any A
- 141.36 teachers retirement fund association may establish a tax

- 142.1 sheltered annuity program and fund meeting the requirements of
- 142.2 section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended
- 142.3 through December 31, 1992, which shall must include all assets
- 142.4 which were acquired for the specific purpose of being credited
- 142.5 to the program and fund and to which shall must be credited all
- 142.6 employee contributions, and employer contributions, if
- 142.7 negotiated under a collective bargaining agreement, designated
- 142.8 for this purpose and all interest income attributable to the
- 142.9 assets of the program and fund.
- 142.10 Sec. 62. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 354A.097,
- 142.11 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 142.12 Subdivision 1. SERVICE CREDIT PURCHASE AUTHORIZED. A
- 142.13 teacher who has at least three years of allowable service credit
- 142.14 with the teachers retirement fund association and who performed
- 142.15 service in the United States armed forces before becoming a
- 142.16 teacher as defined in section 354A.011, subdivision 27, or who
- 142.17 failed to obtain service credit for a military leave of absence
- 142.18 period under section 354A.093, is entitled to purchase allowable
- 142.19 service credit for the initial period of enlistment, induction,
- 142.20 or call to active duty without any voluntary extension by making
- 142.21 payment under section 356.55 provided 356.551 if the teacher has
- 142.22 not purchased service credit from another Minnesota defined
- 142.23 benefit public employee pension plan for the same period of
- 142.24 service.
- 142.25 Sec. 63. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 354A.31,
- 142.26 subdivision 5, is amended to read:
- 142.27 Subd. 5. UNREDUCED NORMAL RETIREMENT ANNUITY. Upon
- 142.28 retirement at normal retirement age with at least three years of
- 142.29 service credit, a coordinated member shall be is entitled to a
- 142.30 normal retirement annuity calculated pursuant to under
- 142.31 subdivision 4 or 4a, whichever applies.
- 142.32 Sec. 64. **356.401 EXEMPTION FROM PROCESS.**
- 142.33 Subdivision 1. **EXEMPTION; EXCEPTIONS.** None of the money,
- 142.34 annuities, or other benefits provided for in the governing law
- 142.35 of a covered retirement plan is assignable either in law or in
- 142.36 equity or subject to state estate tax, or to execution, levy,

- 143.1 attachment, garnishment, or other legal process, except as
- 143.2 provided in subdivision 2 or section 518.58, 518.581, or
- 143.3 518.6111.
- 143.4 Subd. 2. **AUTOMATIC DEPOSITS.** (a) The chief
- 143.5 administrative officer of a covered retirement plan may remit,
- 143.6 through an automatic deposit system, annuity, benefit, or refund
- 143.7 payments only to a financial institution associated with the
- 143.8 National Automated Clearinghouse Association or a comparable
- 143.9 successor organization that is trustee for a person who is
- 143.10 eligible to receive the annuity, benefit, or refund.
- 143.11 (b) Upon the request of a retiree, disabilitant, survivor,
- 143.12 or former member, the chief administrative officer of a covered
- 143.13 retirement plan may remit the annuity, benefit, or refund check
- 143.14 to the applicable financial institution for deposit in the
- 143.15 person's individual account or the person's joint account. An
- 143.16 overpayment to a joint account after the death of the annuitant
- 143.17 or benefit recipient must be repaid to the fund of the
- 143.18 applicable covered retirement plan by the joint tenant if the
- 143.19 overpayment is not repaid to that fund by the financial
- 143.20 institution associated with the National Automated Clearinghouse
- 143.21 Association or its successor. The governing board of the
- 143.22 covered retirement plan may prescribe the conditions under which
- 143.23 these payments may be made.
- 143.24 Subd. 3. COVERED RETIREMENT PLANS. The provisions of
- 143.25 this section apply to the following retirement plans:
- 143.26 (1) the legislators retirement plan, established by chapter
- 143.27 3A;
- 143.28 (2) the general state employees retirement plan of the
- 143.29 Minnesota State Retirement System, established by chapter 352;
- 143.30 (3) the correctional state employees retirement plan of the
- 143.31 Minnesota State Retirement System, established by chapter 352;
- 143.32 (4) the State Patrol retirement plan, established by
- 143.33 chapter 352B;
- 143.34 (5) the elective state officers retirement plan,
- 143.35 <u>established by chapter 352C;</u>
- 143.36 (6) the unclassified state employees retirement program,

- 144.1 established by chapter 352D;
- 144.2 (7) the general employees retirement plan of the Public
- 144.3 Employees Retirement Association, established by chapter 353;
- 144.4 (8) the public employees police and fire plan of the Public
- 144.5 Employees Retirement Association, established by chapter 353;
- 144.6 (9) the public employees defined contribution plan,
- 144.7 established by chapter 353D;
- 144.8 (10) the local government correctional service retirement
- 144.9 plan of the Public Employees Retirement Association, established
- 144.10 by chapter 353E;
- 144.11 (11) the Teachers Retirement Association, established by
- 144.12 chapter 354;
- 144.13 (12) the Duluth Teachers Retirement Fund Association,
- 144.14 established by chapter 354A;
- 144.15 (13) the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association,
- 144.16 established by chapter 354A;
- 144.17 (14) the St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association,
- 144.18 established by chapter 354A;
- 144.19 (15) the individual retirement account plan, established by
- 144.20 chapter 354B;
- 144.21 (16) the higher education supplemental retirement plan,
- 144.22 established by chapter 354C;
- 144.23 (17) the Minneapolis employees retirement fund, established
- 144.24 by chapter 422A;
- 144.25 (18) the Minneapolis Police Relief Association, established
- 144.26 by chapter 423B;
- 144.27 (19) the Minneapolis Firefighters Relief Association,
- 144.28 established by chapter 423C; and
- 144.29 (20) the judges' retirement fund, established by sections
- 144.30 490.121 to 490.132.
- 144.31 Sec. 65. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 356.551, is
- 144.32 amended to read:
- 144.33 356.551 **POST JULY 1, 2003 2004, PRIOR SERVICE CREDIT**
- 144.34 PURCHASE PAYMENT AMOUNT DETERMINATION PROCEDURE.
- 144.35 Subdivision 1. APPLICATION. (a) Unless the prior service
- 144.36 credit purchase authorization special law or general statute

- 145.1 provision explicitly specifies a different purchase payment
- 145.2 amount determination procedure, and if section 356.55 has
- 145.3 expired, this section governs the determination of the prior
- 145.4 service credit purchase payment amount of any prior service
- 145.5 credit purchase.
- 145.6 (b) The purchase payment amount determination procedure
- 145.7 must recognize any service credit accrued to the purchaser in a
- 145.8 pension plan enumerated in section 356.30, subdivision 3.
- 145.9 (c) Any service credit in a Minnesota defined benefit
- 145.10 public employee pension plan available to be reinstated by the
- 145.11 purchaser through the repayment of a refund of member or
- 145.12 employee contributions previously received must be repaid in
- 145.13 full before any purchase of prior service credit payment is made
- 145.14 under this section.
- 145.15 Subd. 2. **DETERMINATION.** (a) Unless the minimum purchase
- 145.16 amount set forth in paragraph (c) applies, the prior service
- 145.17 credit purchase amount is an amount equal to the actuarial
- 145.18 present value, on the date of payment, as calculated by the
- 145.19 chief administrative officer of the pension plan and reviewed by
- 145.20 the actuary retained by the Legislative Commission on Pensions
- 145.21 and Retirement under section 356.214, of the amount of the
- 145.22 additional retirement annuity obtained by the acquisition of the
- 145.23 additional service credit in this section.
- 145.24 (b) Calculation of this amount must be made using the
- 145.25 preretirement interest rate applicable to the public pension
- 145.26 plan specified in section 356.215, subdivision 4d 8, and the
- 145.27 mortality table adopted for the public pension plan. The
- 145.28 calculation must assume continuous future service in the public
- 145.29 pension plan until, and retirement at, the age at which the
- 145.30 minimum requirements of the fund for normal retirement or
- 145.31 retirement with an annuity unreduced for retirement at an early
- 145.32 age, including section 356.30, are met with the additional
- 145.33 service credit purchased. The calculation must also assume a
- 145.34 full-time equivalent salary, or actual salary, whichever is
- 145.35 greater, and a future salary history that includes annual salary
- 145.36 increases at the applicable salary increase rate for the plan

- 146.1 specified in section 356.215, subdivision 4d.
- 146.2 (c) The prior service credit purchase amount may not be
- 146.3 less than the amount determined by applying the current employee
- 146.4 or member contribution rate, the employer contribution rate, and
- 146.5 the additional employer contribution rate, if any, to the
- 146.6 person's current annual salary and multiplying that result by
- 146.7 the number of whole and fraction years of service to be
- 146.8 purchased.
- 146.9 (d) Payment must be made in one lump sum within one year of
- 146.10 the prior service credit authorization. Payment of the amount
- 146.11 calculated under this section must be made by the applicable
- 146.12 eligible person.
- 146.13 (e) However, the current employer or the prior employer
- 146.14 may, at its discretion, pay all or any portion of the payment
- 146.15 amount that exceeds an amount equal to the employee contribution
- 146.16 rates in effect during the period or periods of prior service
- 146.17 applied to the actual salary rates in effect during the period
- 146.18 or periods of prior service, plus interest at the rate of 8.5
- 146.19 percent a year compounded annually from the date on which the
- 146.20 contributions would otherwise have been made to the date on
- 146.21 which the payment is made. If the employer agrees to payments
- 146.22 under this subdivision, the purchaser must make the employee
- 146.23 payments required under this subdivision within $\frac{290}{90}$ days of
- 146.24 the prior service credit authorization. If that employee
- 146.25 payment is made, the employer payment under this subdivision
- 146.26 must be remitted to the chief administrative officer of the
- 146.27 public pension plan within 60 days of receipt by the chief
- 146.28 administrative officer of the employee payments specified under
- 146.29 this subdivision.
- 146.30 Subd. 3. **DOCUMENTATION.** The prospective prior service
- 146.31 credit purchaser must provide any relevant documentation
- 146.32 required by the chief administrative officer of the applicable
- 146.33 public pension plan to determine eligibility for the prior
- 146.34 service credit under this section.
- 146.35 Subd. 4. PAYMENT PRECONDITION FOR CREDIT GRANT. Service
- 146.36 credit for the purchase period must be granted by the public

- 147.1 pension plan to the purchaser upon receipt of the full purchase
- 147.2 payment amount specified in subdivision 2."
- 147.3 Sec. 66. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 356A.06,
- 147.4 subdivision 7, is amended to read:
- 147.5 Subd. 7. **EXPANDED LIST OF AUTHORIZED INVESTMENT**
- 147.6 **SECURITIES.** (a) **AUTHORITY.** Except to the extent otherwise
- 147.7 authorized by law or bylaws, a covered pension plan not
- 147.8 described by subdivision 6, paragraph (a), may invest its assets
- 147.9 only in accordance with this subdivision.
- 147.10 (b) **SECURITIES GENERALLY.** The covered pension plan has
- 147.11 the authority to purchase, sell, lend, or exchange the
- 147.12 securities specified in paragraphs (c) to (g), including puts
- 147.13 and call options and future contracts traded on a contract
- 147.14 market regulated by a governmental agency or by a financial
- 147.15 institution regulated by a governmental agency. These
- 147.16 securities may be owned as units in commingled trusts that own
- 147.17 the securities described in paragraphs (c) to (g).
- 147.18 (c) **GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS.** The covered pension plan may
- 147.19 invest funds in governmental bonds, notes, bills, mortgages, and
- 147.20 other evidences of indebtedness provided the issue is backed by
- 147.21 the full faith and credit of the issuer or the issue is rated
- 147.22 among the top four quality rating categories by a nationally
- 147.23 recognized rating agency. The obligations in which funds may be
- 147.24 invested under this paragraph include guaranteed or insured
- 147.25 issues of (1) the United States, its agencies, its
- 147.26 instrumentalities, or organizations created and regulated by an
- 147.27 act of Congress; (2) Canada and its provinces, provided the
- 147.28 principal and interest is payable in United States dollars; (3)
- 147.29 the states and their municipalities, political subdivisions,
- 147.30 agencies, or instrumentalities; (4) the International Bank for
- 147.31 Reconstruction and Development, the Inter-American Development
- 147.32 Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the African Development Bank,
- 147.33 or any other United States government sponsored organization of
- 147.34 which the United States is a member, provided the principal and
- 147.35 interest is payable in United States dollars.
- 147.36 (d) CORPORATE OBLIGATIONS. The covered pension plan may

- 148.1 invest funds in bonds, notes, debentures, transportation
- 148.2 equipment obligations, or any other longer term evidences of
- 148.3 indebtedness issued or guaranteed by a corporation organized
- 148.4 under the laws of the United States or any state thereof, or the
- 148.5 Dominion of Canada or any province thereof if they conform to
- 148.6 the following provisions:
- 148.7 (1) the principal and interest of obligations of
- 148.8 corporations incorporated or organized under the laws of the
- 148.9 Dominion of Canada or any province thereof must be payable in
- 148.10 United States dollars; and
- 148.11 (2) obligations must be rated among the top four quality
- 148.12 categories by a nationally recognized rating agency.
- 148.13 (e) OTHER OBLIGATIONS. (1) The covered pension plan may
- 148.14 invest funds in bankers acceptances, certificates of deposit,
- 148.15 deposit notes, commercial paper, mortgage participation
- 148.16 certificates and pools, asset backed securities, repurchase
- 148.17 agreements and reverse repurchase agreements, guaranteed
- 148.18 investment contracts, savings accounts, and guaranty fund
- 148.19 certificates, surplus notes, or debentures of domestic mutual
- 148.20 insurance companies if they conform to the following provisions:
- 148.21 (i) bankers acceptances and deposit notes of United States
- 148.22 banks are limited to those issued by banks rated in the highest
- 148.23 four quality categories by a nationally recognized rating
- 148.24 agency;
- 148.25 (ii) certificates of deposit are limited to those issued by
- 148.26 (A) United States banks and savings institutions that are rated
- 148.27 in the highest four quality categories by a nationally
- 148.28 recognized rating agency or whose certificates of deposit are
- 148.29 fully insured by federal agencies; or (B) credit unions in
- 148.30 amounts up to the limit of insurance coverage provided by the
- 148.31 National Credit Union Administration;
- 148.32 (iii) commercial paper is limited to those issued by United
- 148.33 States corporations or their Canadian subsidiaries and rated in
- 148.34 the highest two quality categories by a nationally recognized
- 148.35 rating agency;
- 148.36 (iv) mortgage participation or pass through certificates

- 149.1 evidencing interests in pools of first mortgages or trust deeds
- 149.2 on improved real estate located in the United States where the
- 149.3 loan to value ratio for each loan as calculated in accordance
- 149.4 with section 61A.28, subdivision 3, does not exceed 80 percent
- 149.5 for fully amortizable residential properties and in all other
- 149.6 respects meets the requirements of section 61A.28, subdivision
- 149.7 3;
- 149.8 (v) collateral for repurchase agreements and reverse
- 149.9 repurchase agreements is limited to letters of credit and
- 149.10 securities authorized in this section;
- 149.11 (vi) guaranteed investment contracts are limited to those
- 149.12 issued by insurance companies or banks rated in the top four
- 149.13 quality categories by a nationally recognized rating agency or
- 149.14 to alternative guaranteed investment contracts where the
- 149.15 underlying assets comply with the requirements of this
- 149.16 subdivision;
- 149.17 (vii) savings accounts are limited to those fully insured
- 149.18 by federal agencies; and
- 149.19 (viii) asset backed securities must be rated in the top
- 149.20 four quality categories by a nationally recognized rating agency.
- 149.21 (2) Sections 16A.58, 16C.03, subdivision 4, and 16C.05 do
- 149.22 not apply to certificates of deposit and collateralization
- 149.23 agreements executed by the covered pension plan under clause
- 149.24 (1), item (ii).
- 149.25 (3) In addition to investments authorized by clause (1),
- 149.26 item (iv), the covered pension plan may purchase from the
- 149.27 Minnesota Housing Finance Agency all or any part of a pool of
- 149.28 residential mortgages, not in default, that has previously been
- 149.29 financed by the issuance of bonds or notes of the agency. The
- 149.30 covered pension plan may also enter into a commitment with the
- 149.31 agency, at the time of any issue of bonds or notes, to purchase
- 149.32 at a specified future date, not exceeding 12 years from the date
- 149.33 of the issue, the amount of mortgage loans then outstanding and
- 149.34 not in default that have been made or purchased from the
- 149.35 proceeds of the bonds or notes. The covered pension plan may
- 149.36 charge reasonable fees for any such commitment and may agree to

- 150.1 purchase the mortgage loans at a price sufficient to produce a
- 150.2 yield to the covered pension plan comparable, in its judgment,
- 150.3 to the yield available on similar mortgage loans at the date of
- 150.4 the bonds or notes. The covered pension plan may also enter
- 150.5 into agreements with the agency for the investment of any
- 150.6 portion of the funds of the agency. The agreement must cover
- 150.7 the period of the investment, withdrawal privileges, and any
- 150.8 guaranteed rate of return.
- 150.9 (f) CORPORATE STOCKS. The covered pension plan may
- 150.10 invest funds in stocks or convertible issues of any corporation
- 150.11 organized under the laws of the United States or the states
- 150.12 thereof, the Dominion of Canada or its provinces, or any
- 150.13 corporation listed on the New York Stock Exchange or the
- 150.14 American Stock Exchange, if they conform to the following
- 150.15 provisions:
- 150.16 (1) the aggregate value of corporate stock investments, as
- 150.17 adjusted for realized profits and losses, must not exceed 85
- 150.18 percent of the market or book value, whichever is less, of a
- 150.19 fund, less the aggregate value of investments according to
- 150.20 subdivision 6 paragraph (g);
- 150.21 (2) investments must not exceed five percent of the total
- 150.22 outstanding shares of any one corporation.
- 150.23 (g) **OTHER INVESTMENTS.** (1) In addition to the
- 150.24 investments authorized in paragraphs (b) to (f), and subject to
- 150.25 the provisions in clause (2), the covered pension plan may
- 150.26 invest funds in:
- 150.27 (i) venture capital investment businesses through
- 150.28 participation in limited partnerships and corporations;
- 150.29 (ii) real estate ownership interests or loans secured by
- 150.30 mortgages or deeds of trust through investment in limited
- 150.31 partnerships, bank sponsored collective funds, trusts, and
- 150.32 insurance company commingled accounts, including separate
- 150.33 accounts;
- 150.34 (iii) regional and mutual funds through bank sponsored
- 150.35 collective funds and open-end investment companies registered
- 150.36 under the Federal Investment Company Act of 1940;

- 151.1 (iv) resource investments through limited partnerships,
- 151.2 private placements, and corporations; and
- 151.3 (v) international securities.
- 151.4 (2) The investments authorized in clause (1) must conform
- 151.5 to the following provisions:
- 151.6 (i) the aggregate value of all investments made according
- 151.7 to clause (1) may not exceed 35 percent of the market value of
- 151.8 the fund for which the covered pension plan is investing;
- 151.9 (ii) there must be at least four unrelated owners of the
- 151.10 investment other than the state board for investments made under
- 151.11 clause (1), item (i), (ii), (iii), or (iv);
- 151.12 (iii) covered pension plan participation in an investment
- 151.13 vehicle is limited to 20 percent thereof for investments made
- 151.14 under clause (1), item (i), (ii), (iii), or (iv); and
- 151.15 (iv) covered pension plan participation in a limited
- 151.16 partnership does not include a general partnership interest or
- 151.17 other interest involving general liability. The covered pension
- 151.18 plan may not engage in any activity as a limited partner which
- 151.19 creates general liability.
- 151.20 Sec. 67. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 422A.01,
- 151.21 subdivision 11, is amended to read:
- 151.22 Subd. 11. **EMPLOYEE.** "Employee" means any a person who is
- 151.23 not exempted from the contributing class pursuant to under
- 151.24 section 422A.09, subdivision 3, who is was employed before July
- 151.25 1, 1979, by and paid, in whole or in part, by the city or any of
- 151.26 its boards, departments, or commissions, operated as a
- 151.27 department of city government or independently if financed in
- 151.28 whole or in part by city funds, including any a person who was
- 151.29 employed by a public corporation as herein defined, and
- 151.30 including any a person who was employed before July 1, 1979, by
- 151.31 Special School District No. 1, and who is not a member of any
- 151.32 other retirement system, and also including any a person who is
- 151.33 employed before July 1, 1973, by the county of Hennepin, who was
- 151.34 entitled by law to elect and has elected to retain membership in
- 151.35 the municipal Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund and who
- 151.36 makes any required member contributions to the fund and who

- 152.1 remains so employed.
- 152.2 Sec. 68. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 422A.06,
- 152.3 subdivision 7, is amended to read:
- 152.4 Subd. 7. **DISABILITY BENEFIT FUND.** (a) The required
- 152.5 reserves for disability allowances which become effective after
- 152.6 December 31, 1973, shall be transferred from the deposit
- 152.7 accumulation fund to the \underline{A} disability benefit fund \underline{is}
- 152.8 established, containing the required reserves for disability
- 152.9 <u>allowances under this chapter</u>. A proportionate share of income
- 152.10 from investments shall must be allocated to this fund.
- 152.11 There shall must be paid from this fund the disability
- 152.12 allowances which become effective after December 31, 1973
- 152.13 payable under this chapter.
- 152.14 (b) In the event of the termination of any disability
- 152.15 allowance for any reason other than the death of the recipient,
- 152.16 the balance of the required reserves for the disability
- 152.17 allowance as of the date of the termination shall must be
- 152.18 transferred from the disability benefit fund to the deposit
- 152.19 accumulation fund.
- 152.20 (c) At the end of each fiscal year, as part of the annual
- 152.21 actuarial valuation, a determination shall must be made of the
- 152.22 required reserves for all disability allowances being paid from
- 152.23 the disability benefit fund. Any excess of assets over
- 152.24 actuarial required reserves in the disability benefit fund $\frac{1}{2}$
- 152.25 must be transferred to the deposit accumulation fund. Any
- 152.26 excess of actuarial reserves over assets in the disability
- 152.27 benefit fund shall must be funded by a transfer of the
- 152.28 appropriate amount of assets from the deposit accumulation fund.
- 152.29 Sec. 69. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 422A.10,
- 152.30 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 152.31 Subdivision 1. MEMBER CONTRIBUTION RATE; DEDUCTIONS. (a)
- 152.32 There shall must be deducted and withheld from the basic salary,
- 152.33 pay or compensation of each employee in the contributing class,
- 152.34 prior to January 1, 1980 an amount equal to 7 1/4 percent, after
- 152.35 December 31, 1979 but prior to January 1, 1981 an amount equal
- 152.36 to 8 1/4 percent and after December 31, 1980 an amount equal to

- 153.1 9-1/4 percent of such salary, pay or compensation, except as
- 153.2 hereinafter provided.
- 153.3 (b) The retirement board may increase the percentage rate
- 153.4 of contribution to the retirement fund of any employee or
- 153.5 employees for the purpose of establishing and maintaining on an
- 153.6 actuarial basis a plan of insurance, survivors' benefits, or
- 153.7 other type of benefit or benefits, the cost of which $\frac{1}{2}$
- 153.8 be paid out of such extra percentage so authorized and deducted
- 153.9 from the employee's compensation, except as hereinafter
- 153.10 provided. Any plan or plans so established and placed in
- 153.11 operation may be amended from time to time, or may be abandoned,
- 153.12 but if abandoned, any surplus remaining from the operation of a
- 153.13 plan shall must be the property of the fund, and shall must be
- 153.14 credited to the reserve for loss in investment account.
- 153.15 Sec. 70. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 422A.10,
- 153.16 subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 153.17 Subd. 2. Consent to deductions mandatory member
- 153.18 CONTRIBUTIONS. Every employee to whom sections 422A.01 to
- 153.19 $\frac{422A.25}{}$ this chapter applies who shall continue in the service
- 153.20 after the passage of Laws 1919, chapter 522, as well as every
- 153.21 person to whom sections 422A.01 to 422A.25 applies who may
- 153.22 hereafter be appointed to a position or place, shall be is
- 153.23 deemed to consent and agree to the deductions made and provided
- 153.24 for herein, and payment with such reductions, for service, shall
- 153.25 be are a full and complete discharge and acquittance of all
- 153.26 claims and demands for all services rendered by such person
- 153.27 during the period covered by such payment; except the person's
- 153.28 claim to the benefits to which the person may be entitled under
- 153.29 the provisions of sections 422A.01 to 422A.25 this chapter.
- 153.30 Sec. 71. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 422A.22,
- 153.31 subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 153.32 Subdivision 1. **RETENTION; TRANSFER.** (a) If an employee
- 153.33 to whom sections 422A.01 to 422A.25 this chapter applies becomes
- 153.34 absolutely separated from the active service prior to before
- 153.35 attaining the minimum retirement age established in section
- 153.36 422A.13, the employee is entitled to a refund of the net

- 154.1 accumulated amount of deduction from salary, pay, or
- 154.2 compensation, made for the purpose of accumulating a fund from
- 154.3 which to pay retirement allowances, shall be returned to such
- 154.4 employee, with interest at the annual compound rate of six
- 154.5 percent.
- 154.6 (b) Any contributing employee who separates from a
- 154.7 department, board or commission of the city whose employees are
- 154.8 covered by a fund organized under sections 422A.01 to 422A.25
- 154.9 this chapter, and becomes an employee of a department or board
- 154.10 of the same city, whose employees are covered by a retirement
- 154.11 fund or relief association by whatever name known, organized
- 154.12 under any other law and supported in whole or in part by taxes
- 154.13 on the same city, shall have has the option of:
- 154.14 (1) retaining their membership in the fund organized under
- 154.15 sections 422A.01 to 422A.25 this chapter, regardless of the
- 154.16 provisions of any law, rule, bylaw or other action requiring
- 154.17 membership in any other retirement fund or relief association
- 154.18 however organized-; or
- 154.19 (2) transferring to the fund or association covering the
- 154.20 employees of the department or board to which they are
- 154.21 transferring, providing they are eligible for membership therein.
- 154.22 (c) Any contributing employee who elects to transfer to
- 154.23 another fund or association as herein provided in paragraph (b),
- 154.24 <u>clause (2)</u>, <u>shall must</u> make such election within one year from
- 154.25 the date of separation from the city service covered by this
- 154.26 fund. If the contributing employee elects to transfer to
- 154.27 another fund as herein provided, the employee is entitled to a
- 154.28 refund of the net accumulated contributions made by such
- 154.29 employee to the fund organized under sections 422A.01 to
- 154.30 422A.25, shall be returned to the employee this chapter with
- 154.31 interest at the annual compound rate of six percent.
- 154.32 Sec. 72. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 422A.22,
- 154.33 subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 154.34 Subd. 3. LIMITATION ON ELIGIBILITY. No employee of the
- 154.35 city shall be is eligible to be a member of, or receive benefits
- 154.36 from, more than one $\underline{\text{retirement plan or}}$ fund of the city for the

- 155.1 same period of service.
- 155.2 Sec. 73. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 422A.22,
- 155.3 subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 155.4 Subd. 4. **DEATH-WHILE-ACTIVE REFUND.** (a) Upon the death
- 155.5 of an active member prior to before the employee's termination
- 155.6 of active service, there shall be paid to the beneficiary or
- 155.7 beneficiaries designated by the member on a form specified by
- 155.8 the executive director and filed with the retirement board, are
- 155.9 entitled to receive the net accumulated employee deductions from
- 155.10 salary, pay, or compensation, including interest under
- 155.11 subdivision 1, paragraph (a), compounded annually to the date of
- 155.12 the member's death. The amount must not include any
- 155.13 contributions made by the employee or on the employee's behalf,
- 155.14 or any interest or investment earnings on those contributions,
- 155.15 which were allocated to the survivor benefit fund under section
- 155.16 422A.06, subdivision 6.
- 155.17 (b) If the employee fails to make a designation, or if the
- 155.18 beneficiary or beneficiaries designated by the employee
- 155.19 predeceases the employee, the benefit specified in paragraph (a)
- 155.20 must be paid to the deceased employee's estate is entitled to
- 155.21 the benefit specified in paragraph (a).
- 155.22 (c) A benefit payable under this subdivision is in addition
- 155.23 to any applicable survivor benefit under section 422A.23.
- 155.24 Sec. 74. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 422A.22,
- 155.25 subdivision 6, is amended to read:
- 155.26 Subd. 6. REFUND; MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND.
- $155.27 \text{ } \text{Any} \text{ A person who has received a refund from the } \frac{\text{municipal}}{\text{municipal}}$
- 155.28 Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund, and who is a member of a
- 155.29 public retirement system included in section 422A.16,
- 155.30 subdivision 8, may repay such refund with interest at a compound
- 155.31 annual rate of 8.5 percent to the municipal Minneapolis
- 155.32 Employees Retirement Fund. If a refund is repaid to the fund
- 155.33 and if more than one refund has been received from the fund, all
- 155.34 refunds must be repaid. Repayment shall must be made as
- 155.35 provided in sections 422A.01 to 422A.25 this chapter.
- 155.36 Sec. 75. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 422A.231, is

- 156.1 amended to read:
- 156.2 422A.231 **COST ALLOCATION.**
- 156.3 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, all current
- 156.4 and future contribution requirements due to this article are
- 156.5 payable by the participating contributing employing units other
- 156.6 than the state of Minnesota.
- 156.7 (b) In each actuarial valuation of the retirement fund, the
- 156.8 actuary retained by the Legislative Commission on Pensions and
- 156.9 Retirement under section 356.214 shall include an exhibit on the
- 156.10 impact of the benefit increases contained in this article on the
- 156.11 survivor benefit fund. The actuary shall calculate the expected
- 156.12 change in the present value of the future benefits payable from
- 156.13 the survivor benefit fund attributable to this article, using
- 156.14 the actuarial method and assumptions applicable to the
- 156.15 Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund, from the prior actuarial
- 156.16 valuation and shall compare that result with the actual change
- 156.17 in the present value of future benefits payable from the
- 156.18 survivor benefit fund attributable to this article from the
- 156.19 prior actuarial valuation.
- 156.20 (c) The executive director shall assess each participating
- 156.21 employer, other than the state of Minnesota, its proportional
- 156.22 share of the net increase amount calculated under paragraph
- 156.23 (b). The assessment must be made on the first business day of
- 156.24 the following February, plus compound interest at an annual rate
- 156.25 of six percent on the amount from the actuarial valuation date
- 156.26 to the date of payment.
- 156.27 Sec. 76. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 422A.24, is
- 156.28 amended to read:
- 422A.24 ALLOWANCES NOT ASSIGNABLE OR SUBJECT TO PROCESS.
- 156.30 No money payable pursuant to this chapter shall be
- 156.31 assignable either in law or equity or be subject to execution,
- 156.32 levy, attachment, garnishment, or other legal process, except as
- 156.33 provided in section 518.58, 518.581, or 518.6111, nor shall any
- 156.34 of the proceeds of payments due pursuant to this chapter be
- 156.35 subject to the inheritance tax provisions of this state upon
- 156.36 transfer to a surviving spouse or minor or dependent child of

- 157.1 the decedent or a trust for their benefit. The provisions of
- 157.2 section 356.401 apply to the Minneapolis employees retirement
- 157.3 plan.
- 157.4 Sec. 77. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 423B.17, is
- 157.5 amended to read:
- 157.6 423B.17 PAYMENTS EXEMPT FROM PROCESS.
- 157.7 A payment made by the association under a provision of
- 157.8 sections 423B.01 to 423B.18, as amended, is exempt from legal
- 157.9 process except as provided in section 518.58, 518.581, or
- 157.10 518.6111. No person entitled to a payment may assign the same.
- 157.11 The association may not recognize an assignment or pay a sum on
- 157.12 account of an assignment. The provisions of section 356.401
- 157.13 apply to the Minneapolis Police Relief Association.
- 157.14 Sec. 78. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 423C.09, is
- 157.15 amended to read:
- 157.16 423C.09 PAYMENTS EXEMPT FROM PROCESS.
- 157.17 All payments made, or to be made, by the association under
- 157.18 this chapter shall be totally exempt from garnishment,
- 157.19 execution, or other legal process, except as provided in section
- 157.20 518.58, 518.581, or 518.6111. No person entitled to a payment
- 157.21 shall have the right to assign the name, nor shall the
- 157.22 association have authority to recognize any assignment or to pay
- 157.23 any sum on account thereof. Any attempt to transfer any right
- 157.24 or claim, or any part thereof, shall be void. The provisions of
- 157.25 section 356.401 apply to the Minneapolis Firefighters Relief
- 157.26 Association.
- 157.27 Sec. 79. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 490.126,
- 157.28 subdivision 5, is amended to read:
- 157.29 Subd. 5. EXEMPTION FROM PROCESS; NO ASSIGNMENT. None of
- 157.30 the money, annuities, or other benefits provided in this chapter
- 157.31 is assignable either in law or equity or is subject to
- 157.32 execution, levy, attachment, garnishment, or other legal
- 157.33 process, except as provided in section 518.58, 518.581, or
- 157.34 518.6111. The provisions of section 356.401 apply to the judges
- 157.35 retirement plan.
- 157.36 Sec. 80. REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.

- In the next edition and subsequent editions of Minnesota 158.1
- 158.2 Statutes, the revisor of statutes shall replace the reference to
- 158.3 "sections 422A.01 to 422A.25" with the reference to "this
- 158.4 chapter" wherever the reference appears in Minnesota Statutes,
- 158.5 chapter 422A.
- Sec. 81. REPEALER. 158.6
- (a) Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 352.119, subdivision 158.7
- 158.8 1, is repealed.
- 158.9 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 353.34, subdivision
- 158.10 3b; 353.36, subdivisions 2, 2a, 2b, and 2c; 353.46, subdivision
- 158.11 4; 353.663; 353.74; and 353.75, are repealed.
- 158.12 (c) Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 354.59, is repealed.
- 158.13 (d) Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 422A.22, subdivisions
- 158.14 2 and 5; and 422A.221, are repealed.
- (e) Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 352.15, subdivision
- 158.16 1a; 353.15, subdivision 2; and 354.10, subdivision 2, are
- 158.17 repealed.
- 158.18 Sec. 82. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 158.19 (a) Sections 1 to 73 and 75 to 81 are effective on July 1,
- 158.20 2005.
- 158.21 (b) Section 74 is effective on January 1, 2006.
- 158.22 (c) Sections 1, 21, 22, 23, 29, 45, 46, 53, 64, 76, 77, 78,
- 158.23 79, and 81, paragraph (e), do not apply to any cause of action
- 158.24 that is proceeding on the date of enactment or to any cause of
- 158.25 action for which the applicable statute of limitations has not
- 158.26 expired as of the date of enactment.
- 158.27 ARTICLE 13
- 158.28 LOCAL RETIREMENT PLANS
- Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 356.215, 158.29
- 158.30 subdivision 8, is amended to read:
- 158.31 Subd. 8. INTEREST AND SALARY ASSUMPTIONS. (a) The
- 158.32 actuarial valuation must use the applicable following
- 158.33 preretirement interest assumption and the applicable following
- 158.34 postretirement interest assumption:
- 158.35 preretirement postretirement 158.36 interest rate interest rate
- 158.37 plan assumption assumption

159.1	general state employees		
159.2	retirement plan	8.5%	6.0%
159.3	correctional state employees		
159.4	retirement plan	8.5	6.0
159.5	State Patrol retirement plan	8.5	6.0
159.6	legislators retirement plan	8.5	6.0
159.7	elective state officers		
159.8	retirement plan	8.5	6.0
159.9	judges retirement plan	8.5	6.0
159.10	general public employees		
159.11	retirement plan	8.5	6.0
159.12	public employees police and fire	0.3	0.0
159.13	retirement plan	8.5	6.0
159.14	local government correctional	0.5	0.0
159.15	service retirement plan	8.5	6.0
159.16	teachers retirement plan	8.5	6.0
159.17	Minneapolis employees	0.5	0.0
159.18	retirement plan	6.0	5.0
159.19	Duluth teachers retirement plan	8.5	8.5
159.20	Minneapolis teachers retirement	0.5	0.5
159.21	plan	8.5	8.5
159.22	St. Paul teachers retirement	0.5	0.5
159.23	plan	8.5	8.5
159.24	Minneapolis Police Relief	0.5	0.5
159.25	Association	6.0	6.0
159.25	Fairmont Police Relief	0.0	0.0
159.20	Association	5.0	5.0
		5.0	5.0
159.28	Minneapolis Fire Department	<i>c</i> 0	<i>c</i> 0
159.29	Relief Association	6.0	6.0
159.30	Virginia Fire Department	F 0	- 0
159.31	Relief Association	5.0	5.0
159.32	Bloomington Fire Department	<i>c</i> 0	- 0
159.33	Relief Association	<u>6.0</u>	<u>6.0</u>
159.34	local monthly benefit volunteer		
159.35	firefighters relief associations	5.0	5.0
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(b) The actuarial valuation must use the applicable

159.37 following single rate future salary increase assumption, the

159.38 applicable following modified single rate future salary increase

159.39 assumption, or the applicable following graded rate future

159.40 salary increase assumption:

159.41 (1) single rate future salary increase assumption

159.42 159.43 159.44	plan legislators retirement plan	future salary increase assumption 5.0%
159.45	elective state officers retirement	
159.46	plan	5.0
159.47	judges retirement plan	5.0
159.48	Minneapolis Police Relief Association	4.0
159.49	Fairmont Police Relief	
159.50	Association	3.5
159.51	Minneapolis Fire Department Relief	
159.52	Association	4.0
159.53	Virginia Fire Department	
159.54	Relief Association	3.5

159.55 (2) modified single rate future salary increase assumption

159.56		future salary
159.57	plan	increase assumption
159.58	Minneapolis employees	the prior calendar year
159.59	retirement plan	amount increased first by
159.60		1.0198 percent to prior
159.61		fiscal year date and
159.62		then increased by 4.0

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                    (3) select and ultimate future salary increase assumption
  160.3
  160.4 or graded rate future salary increase assumption
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  160.6
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                                general state employees
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                                     retirement plan
                                                                                                                                                              assumption A
 160.9 correctional state employees
160.10 retirement plan assumption H
160.11 State Patrol retirement plan assumption H
160.12 general public employees select calculation and
160.13 retirement plan assumption B
160.14 public employees police and fire
160.15 fund retirement plan assumption C
160.16 local government correctional service
160.17 retirement plan assumption H
160.18 teachers retirement plan assumption D
160.19 Duluth teachers retirement plan assumption E
160.20 Minneapolis teachers retirement plan assumption G
160.21 St. Paul teachers retirement plan assumption G
                                    correctional state employees
160.22
160.23 The select calculation is:
160.24 during the ten-year select period, a designated percent
160.25 is multiplied by the result of ten minus T, where T is
160.26 the number of completed years of service, and is added
160.27 to the applicable future salary increase assumption. The
160.28 designated percent is 0.2 percent for the correctional state
160.29 employees retirement plan, the State Patrol retirement
160.30 plan, the public employees police and fire plan, and the
160.31 local government correctional service plan; 0.3 percent
160.32 for the general state employees retirement plan, the
160.33 general public employees retirement plan, the teachers
160.34 retirement plan, the Duluth Teachers Retirement Fund
160.35 Association, and the St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund
160.36 Association; and 0.4 percent for the Minneapolis Teachers
160.37 Retirement Fund Association.
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- 161.30 (c) The actuarial valuation must use the applicable
- 161.31 following payroll growth assumption for calculating the
- 161.32 amortization requirement for the unfunded actuarial accrued
- 161.33 liability where the amortization retirement is calculated as a

5.70

161.34 level percentage of an increasing payroll:

5.00

161.35		payroll growth
161.36	plan	assumption
161.37	general state employees retirement plan	5.00%
161.38	correctional state employees retirement plan	5.00
161.39	State Patrol retirement plan	5.00
161.40	legislators retirement plan	5.00
161.41	elective state officers retirement plan	5.00
161.42	judges retirement plan	5.00
161.43	general public employees retirement plan	6.00
161.44	public employees police and fire	
161.45	retirement plan	6.00
161.46	local government correctional service	
161.47	retirement plan	6.00
161.48	teachers retirement plan	5.00
161.49	Duluth teachers retirement plan	5.00
161.50	Minneapolis teachers retirement plan	5.00
161.51	St. Paul teachers retirement plan	5.00

- Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 356.216, is 161.52
- 161.53 amended to read:

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- 356.216 CONTENTS OF ACTUARIAL VALUATIONS FOR LOCAL POLICE 161.54
- 161.55 AND FIRE FUNDS.
- (a) The provisions of section 356.215 that govern the
- 161.57 contents of actuarial valuations must apply to any local police
- 161.58 or fire pension fund or relief association required to make an

- 162.1 actuarial report under this section, except as follows:
- 162.2 (1) in calculating normal cost and other requirements, if
- 162.3 required to be expressed as a level percentage of covered
- 162.4 payroll, the salaries used in computing covered payroll must be
- 162.5 the maximum rate of salary on which retirement and survivorship
- 162.6 credits and amounts of benefits are determined and from which
- 162.7 any member contributions are calculated and deducted;
- 162.8 (2) in lieu of the amortization date specified in section
- 162.9 356.215, subdivision 11, the appropriate amortization target
- 162.10 date specified in section 69.77, subdivision 4, or 69.773,
- 162.11 subdivision 4, clause (c), must be used in calculating any
- 162.12 required amortization contribution, except that if the actuarial
- 162.13 report for the Bloomington Fire Department Relief Association
- 162.14 indicates an unfunded actuarial accrued liability, the unfunded
- 162.15 obligation is to be amortized on a level dollar basis by
- 162.16 December 31 of the year occurring 20 years later, and if
- 162.17 subsequent actuarial valuations for the Bloomington Fire
- 162.18 Department Relief Association determine a net actuarial
- 162.19 experience loss incurred during the year which ended as of the
- 162.20 day before the most recent actuarial valuation date, any
- 162.21 unfunded liability due to that loss is to be amortized on a
- 162.22 level dollar basis by December 31 of the year occurring 20 years
- 162.23 later;
- 162.24 (3) in addition to the tabulation of active members and
- 162.25 annuitants provided for in section 356.215, subdivision 13, the
- 162.26 member contributions for active members for the calendar year
- 162.27 and the prospective annual retirement annuities under the
- 162.28 benefit plan for active members must be reported;
- 162.29 (4) actuarial valuations required under section 69.773,
- 162.30 subdivision 2, must be made at least every four years and
- 162.31 actuarial valuations required under section 69.77 shall be made
- 162.32 annually;
- 162.33 (5) the actuarial balance sheet showing accrued assets
- 162.34 valued at market value if the actuarial valuation is required to
- 162.35 be prepared at least every four years or valued as current
- 162.36 assets under section 356.215, subdivision 1, clause (6), or

- 163.1 paragraph (b), whichever applies, if the actuarial valuation is
- 163.2 required to be prepared annually, actuarial accrued liabilities,
- 163.3 and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability must include the
- 163.4 following required reserves:
- 163.5 (i) For active members
- 163.6 1. Retirement benefits
- 163.7 2. Disability benefits
- 163.8 3. Refund liability due to death or withdrawal
- 163.9 4. Survivors' benefits
- 163.10 (ii) For deferred annuitants' benefits
- 163.11 (iii) For former members without vested rights
- 163.12 (iv) For annuitants
- 163.13 1. Retirement annuities
- 163.14 2. Disability annuities
- 163.15 3. Surviving spouses' annuities
- 163.16 4. Surviving children's annuities
- 163.17 In addition to those required reserves, separate items must
- 163.18 be shown for additional benefits, if any, which may not be
- 163.19 appropriately included in the reserves listed above; and
- 163.20 (6) actuarial valuations are due by the first day of the
- 163.21 seventh month after the end of the fiscal year which the
- 163.22 actuarial valuation covers.
- 163.23 (b) For the Minneapolis Firefighters Relief Association or
- 163.24 the Minneapolis Police Relief Association, the following
- 163.25 provisions additionally apply:
- 163.26 (1) in calculating the actuarial balance sheet, unfunded
- 163.27 actuarial accrued liability, and amortization contribution of
- 163.28 the relief association, "current assets" means the value of all
- 163.29 assets at cost, including realized capital gains and losses,
- 163.30 plus or minus, whichever applies, the average value of total
- 163.31 unrealized capital gains or losses for the most recent
- 163.32 three-year period ending with the end of the plan year
- 163.33 immediately preceding the actuarial valuation report
- 163.34 transmission date; and
- 163.35 (2) in calculating the applicable portions of the actuarial
- 163.36 valuation, an annual preretirement interest assumption of six

- 164.1 percent, an annual postretirement interest assumption of six
- 164.2 percent, and an annual salary increase assumption of four
- 164.3 percent must be used.
- 164.4 Sec. 3. AURORA, BIWABIK CITY, HOYT LAKES, AND PALO
- 164.5 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER RELIEF ASSOCIATIONS; CONSOLIDATION.
- 164.6 (a) This section applies to consolidation of any
- 164.7 combination of two or more of the following volunteer
- 164.8 firefighter relief associations: Aurora, Biwabik City, Hoyt
- 164.9 Lakes, and Palo.
- 164.10 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 424B.10,
- 164.11 subdivision 1, paragraph (a), the service pension to be paid by
- 164.12 the relief association existing after the consolidation is as
- 164.13 follows:
- 164.14 (1) for the service rendered by each individual volunteer
- 164.15 firefighter before the effective date of the consolidation, the
- 164.16 service pension amount is the amount payable to that volunteer
- 164.17 firefighter under the articles of incorporation or bylaws of the
- 164.18 consolidating volunteer firefighters relief association that the
- 164.19 firefighter was a member of immediately before the
- 164.20 consolidation;
- 164.21 (2) for the service rendered after the effective date of
- 164.22 the consolidation, the service pension amount is the highest
- 164.23 dollar amount service pension of any of the consolidating
- 164.24 volunteer firefighters relief associations under the articles of
- 164.25 incorporation or bylaws in effect immediately before the
- 164.26 consolidation;
- 164.27 (3) after consolidation, increases in the amounts
- 164.28 established in clauses (1) and (2) may be implemented if
- 164.29 consistent with applicable requirements of Minnesota Statutes,
- 164.30 chapters 69 and 424A.
- 164.31 Sec. 4. EVELETH RETIRED POLICE AND FIRE TRUST FUND; AD
- 164.32 HOC POSTRETIREMENT ADJUSTMENT.
- 164.33 (a) In addition to the current pensions and other
- 164.34 retirement benefits payable, the pensions and retirement
- 164.35 benefits payable to retired police officers and firefighters and
- 164.36 their surviving spouses by the Eveleth police and fire trust

- 165.1 fund are increased by \$100 per month. Increases are retroactive
- 165.2 to January 1, 2005.
- 165.3 (b) Following the January 1, 2005, effective date of the
- 165.4 benefit increase provided under paragraph (a), every two years
- 165.5 thereafter, to be effective no earlier than the applicable
- 165.6 January 1, the city council of the city of Eveleth is authorized
- 165.7 to provide permanent, uniform benefit increases, not less than
- 165.8 \$10 per month nor to exceed \$100 per month, to any remaining
- 165.9 retirees and survivors receiving benefits from the Eveleth
- 165.10 police and fire trust fund. Any given benefit improvement under
- 165.11 this paragraph is not effective unless the city council passes a
- 165.12 resolution approving the increase.
- 165.13 (c) Within 30 days following the approval of a resolution
- 165.14 under paragraph (b), the chief administrative officer of the
- 165.15 city of Eveleth shall file a copy of the resolution with the
- 165.16 executive director of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and
- 165.17 Retirement, with the chair of the House Governmental Operations
- 165.18 and Veterans Affairs Committee, and with the chair of the Senate
- 165.19 State and Local Government Operations Committee. Along with a
- 165.20 copy of the resolution, the city's chief administrative officer
- 165.21 will send a statement indicating the age of each benefit
- 165.22 recipient and the retirement benefit or survivor benefit being
- 165.23 received before and after the benefit increase.
- 165.24 Sec. 5. MAPLEWOOD AND OAKDALE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER
- 165.25 RELIEF ASSOCIATIONS; TRANSFER OF ASSETS.
- 165.26 Notwithstanding any limitations in Minnesota Statutes,
- 165.27 section 424A.02, subdivision 13, or any other provision of law
- 165.28 to the contrary, if an agreement between the affected relief
- 165.29 associations and cities is reached as provided in this section,
- 165.30 the Maplewood Firefighters Relief Association may transfer
- 165.31 assets from its special fund to the Oakdale Fire Department
- 165.32 Relief Association representing the value of the accumulated
- 165.33 service credit for the current members of the Oakdale Fire
- 165.34 Department Relief Association who are currently eligible to
- 165.35 receive a combined service pension for firefighter service in
- 165.36 both associations. The transfer of the assets from the

- Maplewood Firefighters Relief Association to the Oakdale Fire 166.1 166.2 Department Relief Association must be in an amount representing 166.3 the cumulative value of the service credit earned by the members 166.4 of the Oakdale Fire Department Relief Association who are 166.5 currently eligible to receive a combined service pension for 166.6 firefighting service in both associations for the service credit 166.7 that they accrued while working for the Maplewood Fire 166.8 Department. The amount of the assets, liabilities, and service 166.9 credit to be transferred must be specified in a joint agreement 166.10 negotiated by the secretaries of and ratified by the city 166.11 councils of the two relief associations and ratified by the 166.12 boards of trustees of of both relief associations and the cities 166.13 of Maplewood and Oakdale The agreement must specify by name or 166.14 other appropriate means the firefighters affected by the 166.15 liability, asset, and service credit transfer. The ratification 166.16 must be expressed in the form of resolutions adopted by each 166.17 entity. The agreements must specify the amount of assets to be 166.18 transferred, the amount of liabilities to be transferred, and 166.19 the amount of service credit each of the applicable individuals 166.20 will receive in the Oakdale Fire Department Relief Association. 166.21 Upon the ratification of the agreement by both relief 166.22 associations and both cities, the assets, liabilities, and 166.23 service credit of the applicable individuals must be transferred 166.24 to the Oakdale Fire Department Relief Association, and the 166.25 Maplewood Firefighters Relief Association is be relieved of any 166.26 obligation to the individuals. A certified copy of the ratified 166.27 agreement must be filed with the State Auditor and with the 166.28 Secretary of State. 166.29 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE; LOCAL APPROVAL. 166.30 (a) Sections 1 and 2 are effective on the day after the 166.31 date of the approval by the city council of the city of 166.32 Bloomington and upon timely completion by the chief clerical 166.33 officer of the city of Bloomington of compliance with Minnesota
- 166.34 Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.
- 166.35 (b) Section 3 is effective on the day after the date on
- 166.36 which the city council of the city of Eveleth and its chief

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       clerical officer timely complete their compliance with Minnesota
       Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.
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          (c) Section 4 is effective with respect to a volunteer
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       firefighters relief association listed in column A the day after
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       the governing body of the municipality listed in column B and
167.6
       its chief clerical officer timely complete compliance with
       Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.
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                                            city of Aurora
                      Aurora
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                                            city of Biwabik
                      Biwabik
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                      Hoyt Lakes
                                            city of Hoyt Lakes
167.12
                      Palo
                                            town of White
167.13
          (d) Section 5 is effective on the day after the governing
167.14 body of the city of Maplewood, the governing body of the city of
167.15 Oakdale, the Maplewood chief clerical officer, and the Oakdale
167.16 chief clerical officer complete their compliance with Minnesota
167.17 Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3."
167.18
          Delete the title and insert:
167.19
                                "A bill for an act
167.20
                  relating to retirement; various public pension plans;
167.21
                  clarifying and revising various plan provisions;
167.22
                  eliminating obsolete provisions; defining final
167.23
                 average salary; modifying the definition of allowable
                 service to include time on strike; permitting judges
167.24
                  to purchase service credit for an authorized leave;
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167.26
                  requiring specified payments; clarifying references to
                  actuarial services in determining actuarial
167.27
167.28
                  equivalence; defining covered salary to include
167.29
                 certain employer contributions to supplemental
                  retirement plans; specifying itemized detail of plan
167.30
                  administrative expenses in annual financial reporting;
167.31
                  excluding police officers of the University of
167.32
167.33
                  Minnesota from the public employees police and fire
167.34
                  fund; clarifying collection procedures relating to
167.35
                  charter schools; adding a uniform nonassignment and
167.36
                  legal process exemption provision; adding employees of
                 Bridges Medical Services, Hutchinson Area Health Care, and Northfield Hospital, to privatization coverage;
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167.39
                  extending date for filing special law approval with
                 the secretary of state for the RenVilla Nursing Home; requiring the privatization periodic filing of updated
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                  copies of articles of incorporation and bylaws;
167.43
                  modifying a higher education individual retirement
                  account plan investment option provision; implementing the recommendations of the Volunteer Firefighter
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167.46
                  Relief Association working group of the state auditor;
                  modifying the trigger date for filing financial
167.47
                  reports; revising the per firefighter financing
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167.49
                  requirements for monthly benefit service pensions;
167.50
                 modifying the options for crediting interest on
                  deferred service pensions; clarifying the deferred
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                  service pension options available to defined
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contribution plans; providing for the crediting of 168.2 service during military service leaves; requiring the 168.3 amortization of experience losses; clarifying the compliance requirements for the qualification for fire state aid; modifying a limit on mutual fund 168.4 168.5 investments; clarifying corporate stock and 168.6 168.7 exchange-traded funds investment authority; modifying 168.8 the municipal representation requirements on relief 168.9 association governing boards; clarifying exemptions from process and taxation; providing that certain laws do not apply to the consolidation of specified 168.10 168.11 168.12 volunteer firefighter relief associations; providing an ad hoc postretirement adjustment to Eveleth police 168.13 and fire trust fund benefit recipients; authorizing 168.14 168.15 the Maplewood Firefighters Relief Association to 168.16 transfer assets to the Oakdale Firefighters Relief 168.17 Association to cover service credits earned by certain 168.18 individuals; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 3A.01, subdivisions 1, 2, 6, 8, and by adding 168.19 subdivisions; 3A.01; 3A.02, subdivisions 1, 1b, 3, 4, 5; 3A.03, subdivisions 1, 2; 3A.04, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, and by adding a subdivision; 3A.05; 3A.07; 3A.10, subdivision 1; 3A.12; 3A.13; 69.011, 168.20 168.21 168.22 168.23 subdivision 2b, and by adding a subdivision; 69.021, subdivisions 5, 11; 69.051, subdivisions 1, 1a; 69.33; 168.24 168.25 168.26 69.771; 69.772, subdivisions 3, 4; 69.773, subdivisions 4, 4, 5; 69.775; 352.01, subdivisions 2a, 168.27 4, 5, 12, 21, 23, and by adding a subdivision; 352.021, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4; 352.04, subdivisions 1, 12; 352.041, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 5; 352.115, subdivisions 2, 3; 352.15, subdivisions 1, 3, 4; 168.28 168.29 168.30 168.31 352.22, subdivision 10; 352.87, subdivision 3; 352.91, by adding a subdivision; 352.93, subdivision 1; 352B.01, subdivisions 1, 2, 2, 3; 352B.02, subdivision 1e; 352B.071; 352C.021, by adding a subdivision; 168.32 168.33 168.34 168.35 168.36 352C.091, subdivision 1; 352D.01; 352D.015, 168.37 subdivisions 3, 4; 352D.03; 352D.05, subdivision 4; 352D.085, subdivision 1; 352D.09, subdivision 5; 352D.12; 353.01, subdivisions 6, 10, 14, 32, 33, and 168.38 168.39 by adding a subdivision; 353.025; 353.026; 353.027; 168.40 353.028; 353.14; 353.15, subdivisions 1, 3; 353.27, subdivision 11; 353.271; 353.28, subdivisions 5, 6; 168.41 168.42 353.29, subdivision 3; 353.31, subdivision 1c; 353.32, 168.43 subdivision 9; 353.33, subdivisions 3, 12; 353.64, by adding a subdivision; 353.651, subdivision 3; 353.656, 168.44 168.45 subdivision 1; 353F.02, subdivision 4; 354.05, subdivision 7, and by adding a subdivision; 354.091; 354.10, subdivisions 1, 3, 4; 354.33, subdivision 5; 168.46 168.47 168.48 354.39; 354.41, subdivision 2; 354.42, by adding a 168.49 subdivision; 354.41, subdivision 2; 354.42, by adding a subdivision; 354.44, subdivisions 2, 6; 354A.011, subdivision 3a, and by adding a subdivision; 354A.021, subdivision 5, and by adding a subdivision; 354A.097, subdivision 1; 354A.31, subdivisions 4, 4a, 5; 354B.25, subdivision 2; 356.20, subdivision 4; 356.215, subdivision 8; 356.216; 356.24, subdivision 1; 356.551; 356A.06, subdivisions 7, 7; 422A.01, subdivisions 6, 11, and by adding a subdivision: 168.50 168.51 168.52 168.53 168.54 168.55 168.56 subdivisions 6, 11, and by adding a subdivision; 168.57 422A.06, subdivision 7; 422A.10, subdivisions 1, 2; 168.58 422A.15, subdivision 1; 422A.16, subdivision 9; 422A.22, subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 6; 422A.231; 422A.24; 423B.17; 423C.09; 424A.02, subdivisions 3, 4, 7; 168.59 168.60 168.61 424A.04, subdivision 1; 424B.10, subdivision 1; 490.121, subdivisions 1, 4, 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 168.62 168.63 22, and by adding subdivisions; 490.122; 490.123, subdivisions 1, 1a, 1b, 1c, 2, 3; 490.124, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13; 490.125, subdivision 1; 490.126, subdivision 5; 168.64 168.65 168.66 168.67 490.133; Laws 2004, Chapter 267, Article 12, Section 4; proposing coding for new law in/as Minnesota Statutes, chapters 352C; 356; 424A; 490A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 3A.01, subdivisions 168.68 168.69 168.70 168.71

169.1	3, 4, 6a, 7; 3A.02, subdivision 2; 3A.04, subdivision
169.2	1; 3A.09; 352.119, subdivision 1; 352.15, subdivision
169.3	1a; 352C.01; 352C.011; 352C.021; 352C.031, subdivision
169.4	3; 352C.033; 352C.04; 352C.051; 352C.09; 352C.091,
169.5	subdivisions 2, 3; 353.15, subdivision 2; 353.29,
169.6	subdivision 2; 353.34, subdivision 3b; 353.36,
169.7	subdivisions 2, 2a, 2b, 2c; 353.46, subdivision 4;
169.8	353.651, subdivision 2; 353.663; 353.74; 353.75;
169.9	354.10, subdivision 2; 354.59; 422A.22, subdivisions
169.10	2, 5; 422A.221; 490.021; 490.025, subdivisions 1, 2,
169.11	3, 4, 6; 490.101; 490.102; 490.103; 490.105; 490.106;
169.12	490.107; 490.108; 490.109; 490.1091; 490.12; 490.121,
169.13	subdivisions 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18,
169.14	19, and 20."