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Executive Summary of Commission Staff Materials

Affected Pension Plan(s): Uniform Judicial Retirement Plan
Relevant Provisions of Law: Minnesota Statutes, Section 490.121, Subdivision 4
General Nature of Proposal: Adds Leave of Absence Service Credit Authority
Date of Summary: April 4, 2005

Specific Proposed Changes

- Adds a procedure for judges returning from a leave of absence, not to exceed one year, to obtain Judges Retirement Plan service credit for the period.

Policy Issues Raised by the Proposed Legislation

1. Appropriateness of providing public retirement plan coverage for judicial leaves of absence.
2. Adequacy of the proposed leave contribution equivalent payment amount.
3. Appropriateness of the proposed retroactive application of the provision.

Potential Amendments

Amendment LCPR05-141 (technical amendment) clarifies normal cost references and repositions the leave maximum provisions in one place.

Amendment LCPR05-142 (substantive amendment) increases the leave payment amount and interest to replicate the PERA-General leave provision and to better match the Commission's Principles of Pension Policy.