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Executive Summary of Commission Staff Materials

Affected Pension Plan(s): Minneapolis Fire Relief Association
Relevant Provisions of Law: Special Law Provision
General Nature of Proposal: Providing a Surviving Spouse Benefit for a Certain Ineligible Surviving Spouse
Date of Summary: January 27, 2006

Specific Proposed Change(s)

- Permits the surviving spouse of a Minneapolis Fire Relief Association covered firefighter, who did not qualify under MFRA general law for a surviving spouse benefit for due the short duration of marriage prior to the retired firefighter's death, to receive a surviving spouse benefit.

Policy Issues Raised by the Proposed Legislation

1. Equity issue.
2. Legislature being asked to override Mr. Thompson's actions.
3. Erosion of requirements.
4. Plan cost implications; post-retirement implications.
5. Local approval issues.
6. MFRA support.
7. Benefit complications due to prior receipt of a refund.

Potential Amendments

No Commission staff amendments.

