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Executive Summary of Commission Staff Materials

<i>Affected Pension Plan(s):</i>	Various Retirement Plans
<i>Relevant Provisions of Law:</i>	Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 356
<i>General Nature of Proposal:</i>	Implements Wisconsin Retirement System procedure for marriage dissolution division of pension benefits
<i>Date of Summary:</i>	February 10, 2006

Specific Proposed Changes

- The proposed legislation would adopt the current system used by the Wisconsin Retirement System for the handling of pension benefits divided during a marriage dissolution for Minnesota, primarily to allow the non-member ex-spouse to begin receipt of the spouse's portion at a time different from the retiring member.

Policy Issues Raised by the Proposed Legislation

1. Unclear necessity for the proposed change.
2. Additional actuarial gain and loss exposure; liability issues.
3. Administrative difficulties.
4. Appropriateness of attempting to replicate the Wisconsin retirement system procedure.
5. Appropriateness of the role of the MSRS staff in endorsing the proposed change.
6. Retroactivity; application to Ms. Jeanne K. Hanson.

Potential Amendments

- S2047-A1 updates effective date (technical).
- S2047-A2 implements suggestions or corrections offered by the constituent requesting the proposed legislation (substantive).

