

April 9, 1979 Meeting
Room 123 State Office Bldg.
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Sen. Stokowski opened the meeting.

PRESENT: Senators Stokowski, Ogdahl, C. Peterson, Strand, Renneke
Representatives Patton, Biersdorf, Kaley, Sarna, Moe

SF 785 (Strand) TRA Administrative Bill

The bill was submitted by the Teachers Retirement Association and makes two modifications in TRA law. Staff amendment clarifies the provision setting forth the consequences of a failure to submit an evidence of receipt of annuity or benefit form by providing that the future annuities or benefits will only be withheld until the required evidence of receipt is submitted.

Rep. Biersdorf moved that the bill as amended be recommended to pass. Carried

(Rep. Patton moved that the staff draw up an amendment permitting a teacher to retire this year at age 65, which will be included in the recommended amendments to the bill).

SF 918 (Stokowski); HF 1002 (Patton): MSRS; Miscellaneous Benefit Modifications

L. Martin went over the memo and discussion followed.
The bill was prepared by the MSRS and makes modifications in the benefit plans applicable to the MSRS regular retirement plan and the MSRS Correctional Employees Retirement Plan.

Rep. Patton moved that the bill as amended be recommended to pass. Motion carried.

SF 901 (Stokowski); H F (PERA; Miscellaneous Benefit Modifications

The bill was prepared and sponsored by the board of trustees of the Public Employees Retirement Association. The bill makes a number of substantial modifications in the benefit plans for PERA and PERA-P&F.

L. Martin went over the memo and discussion followed.

Mr. Orville Jorgenson, PERA Board, stated that the members were advised as to the increase in cost if the bill is passed.

The bill was laid over.

HF1006 (B. Anderson); SF 536 (Staples): Public and Private Pension Funds; Requiring Joint and Survivor Option Notification

The bill requires private and public employees who offer employees a straight and life annuity optional form joint and survivor annuity optional form, or other optional form of pension payment to notify each employee's spouse of the option 15 days prior to the date on which the option must be elected.

Sen. Staples explained the bill and discussion followed.

The following gave their views concerning the proposed legislation: Ken Wangren, 3M Company, Dan Shapiro, ERISA Specialist, 3M Company, Larry Fredrickson, Senate Counsel, Nina Rothschild, Economic Council of Women.

HF 1006; SF 536 was laid over.

HF 915 (Patton); SF 960 (Strand): Major Statewide Retirement Funds;
Reduced Vesting for Proportionate Annuity; Maximum Annuitant Reemployment
Earnings

L. Martin went over the memo. The bill provides for a reduction in the service requirement for vesting under the proportionate annuity at age 65 and is applicable to all major and statewide public retirement funds in the state, from three years to one year.

Staff amendment re TRA reemployment earnings maximum was accepted.
Sen. Strand moved the staff amendment.

Sen. Ogdahl moved that HF 915, SF 960, be recommended to pass as amended. Passed

HF 1220 (Moe); SF 1200 (Strand): MSRS; MTC-TOD Clarification Bill

L. Martin went over the memo. The bill clarifies legislation enacted in 1978 which consolidated the MTC-TOD Fund into the MSRS. The bill also provides a procedure for part-time employees.

\$7,260,518 should have been transferred to MSRS --amount will continue to be transferred until deficit is amortized.

Rep. Patton moved the staff amendment. Motion carried.

Rep. Moe moved that HF 915, SF 960 be recommended to pass as amended. Motion carried

HF 1077 (Patton); SF 1151 (Stokowski): MMR; Employee Contribution Increase, was laid over

Roger Strand
Secretary

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