

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2019 and 2020 SB1106

Introduced 2/5/2019, by Sen. Steven M. Landek

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Merges all Article 3 police officers' pension funds and Article 4 firefighters' pension funds into the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) on January 1, 2021. Creates a Transition Board, which is responsible for planning, overseeing, and administering the consolidation. Authorizes the Transition Board to undertake numerous activities necessary for the consolidation, including making arrangements for the transfer of assets and liabilities and for making recommendations to IMRF for an appropriate system of determining, administering, receiving, and enforcing the required municipal contributions to the Fund. Makes conforming and other changes. Provides that a person first employed as a firefighter or police officer on or after January 1, 2021 shall participate and earn benefits in IMRF as an employee under the IMRF Article (rather than participating and earning benefits under the Downstate Police or Downstate Firefighter Articles). Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) of the Property Tax Code to exclude from the definition of "aggregate extension" special purpose extensions made for contributions to IMRF for benefits under the downstate police and downstate firefighter Articles. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately, except that certain changes to the Illinois Pension Code and the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law of the Property Tax Code take effect January 1, 2021.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE ACT MAY APPLY STATE MANDATES ACT MAY REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT 1 AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- 4 Section 5. The Property Tax Code is amended by changing
- 5 Section 18-185 as follows:
- 6 (35 ILCS 200/18-185)
- 7 Sec. 18-185. Short title; definitions. This Division 5 may
- 8 be cited as the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law. As used
- 9 in this Division 5:
- "Consumer Price Index" means the Consumer Price Index for
- 11 All Urban Consumers for all items published by the United
- 12 States Department of Labor.
- "Extension limitation" means (a) the lesser of 5% or the
- 14 percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index during the
- 15 12-month calendar year preceding the levy year or (b) the rate
- of increase approved by voters under Section 18-205.
- "Affected county" means a county of 3,000,000 or more
- inhabitants or a county contiguous to a county of 3,000,000 or
- 19 more inhabitants.
- 20 "Taxing district" has the same meaning provided in Section
- 21 1-150, except as otherwise provided in this Section. For the
- 22 1991 through 1994 levy years only, "taxing district" includes
- 23 only each non-home rule taxing district having the majority of

its 1990 equalized assessed value within any county or counties contiguous to a county with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants. Beginning with the 1995 levy year, "taxing district" includes only each non-home rule taxing district subject to this Law before the 1995 levy year and each non-home rule taxing district not subject to this Law before the 1995 levy year having the majority of its 1994 equalized assessed value in an affected county or counties. Beginning with the levy year in which this Law becomes applicable to a taxing district as provided in Section 18-213, "taxing district" also includes those taxing districts made subject to this Law as provided in Section 18-213.

"Aggregate extension" for taxing districts to which this Law applied before the 1995 levy year means the annual corporate extension for the taxing district and those special purpose extensions that are made annually for the taxing district, excluding special purpose extensions: (a) made for the taxing district to pay interest or principal on general obligation bonds that were approved by referendum; (b) made for any taxing district to pay interest or principal on general obligation bonds issued before October 1, 1991; (c) made for any taxing district to pay interest or principal on bonds issued to refund or continue to refund those bonds issued before October 1, 1991; (d) made for any taxing district to pay interest or principal on bonds issued to refund or continue to refund bonds issued after October 1, 1991 that were approved by

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referendum; (e) made for any taxing district to pay interest or principal on revenue bonds issued before October 1, 1991 for payment of which a property tax levy or the full faith and credit of the unit of local government is pledged; however, a tax for the payment of interest or principal on those bonds shall be made only after the governing body of the unit of local government finds that all other sources for payment are insufficient to make those payments; (f) made for payments under a building commission lease when the lease payments are for the retirement of bonds issued by the commission before October 1, 1991, to pay for the building project; (g) made for payments due under installment contracts entered into before October 1, 1991; (h) made for payments of principal and interest on bonds issued under the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act to finance construction projects initiated before October 1, 1991; (i) made for payments of principal and interest on limited bonds, as defined in Section 3 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act, in an amount not to exceed the debt service extension base less the amount in items (b), (c), (e), and (h) of this definition for non-referendum obligations, except obligations initially issued pursuant to referendum; (j) made for payments of principal and interest on bonds issued under Section 15 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act; (k) made by a school district that participates in the Special Education District of Lake County, created by special education joint agreement under Section 10-22.31 of the

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School Code, for payment of the school district's share of the amounts required to be contributed by the Special Education District of Lake County to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund under Article 7 of the Illinois Pension Code; the amount of any extension under this item (k) shall be certified by the school district to the county clerk; (1) made to fund expenses of providing joint recreational programs for persons with disabilities under Section 5-8 of the Park District Code or Section 11-95-14 of the Illinois Municipal Code; (m) made for temporary relocation loan repayment purposes pursuant to Sections 2-3.77 and 17-2.2d of the School Code; (n) made for payment of principal and interest on any bonds issued under the authority of Section 17-2.2d of the School Code; (o) made before January 1, 2021 for contributions to a firefighter's pension fund created under Article 4 of the Illinois Pension Code, to the extent of the amount certified under item (5) of Section 4-134 of the Illinois Pension Code; and (p) made for road purposes in the first year after a township assumes the rights, powers, duties, assets, property, liabilities, obligations, and responsibilities of a road district abolished under the provisions of Section 6-133 of the Illinois Highway Code; and (q) made under Articles 3 and 4 of the Illinois Pension Code for contributions to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

"Aggregate extension" for the taxing districts to which this Law did not apply before the 1995 levy year (except taxing

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districts subject to this Law in accordance with Section 18-213) means the annual corporate extension for the taxing district and those special purpose extensions that are made annually for the taxing district, excluding special purpose extensions: (a) made for the taxing district to pay interest or principal on general obligation bonds that were approved by referendum; (b) made for any taxing district to pay interest or principal on general obligation bonds issued before March 1, 1995; (c) made for any taxing district to pay interest or principal on bonds issued to refund or continue to refund those bonds issued before March 1, 1995; (d) made for any taxing district to pay interest or principal on bonds issued to refund or continue to refund bonds issued after March 1, 1995 that were approved by referendum; (e) made for any taxing district to pay interest or principal on revenue bonds issued before March 1, 1995 for payment of which a property tax levy or the full faith and credit of the unit of local government is pledged; however, a tax for the payment of interest or principal on those bonds shall be made only after the governing body of the unit of local government finds that all other sources for payment are insufficient to make those payments; (f) made for payments under a building commission lease when the lease payments are for the retirement of bonds issued by the commission before March 1, 1995 to pay for the building project; (g) made for payments due under installment contracts entered into before March 1, 1995; (h) made for payments of

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principal and interest on bonds issued under the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act to finance construction projects initiated before October 1, 1991; (h-4) made for stormwater management purposes by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago under Section 12 of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act; (i) made for payments of principal and interest on limited bonds, as defined in Section 3 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act, in an amount not to exceed the debt service extension base less the amount in items (b), (c), and (e) of this definition for non-referendum obligations, except obligations issued pursuant to referendum and bonds described in subsection (h) of this definition; (j) made for payments of principal and interest on bonds issued under Section 15 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act; (k) made for payments of principal and interest on bonds authorized by Public Act 88-503 and issued under Section 20a of the Chicago Park District Act for aquarium or museum projects; (1) made for payments of principal and interest on bonds authorized by Public Act 87-1191 or 93-601 and (i) issued pursuant to Section 21.2 of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act, (ii) issued under Section 42 of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act for zoological park projects, or (iii) issued under Section 44.1 of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act for botanical gardens projects; (m) made pursuant to Section 34-53.5 of the School Code, whether levied annually or not; (n) made to fund

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expenses of providing joint recreational programs for persons with disabilities under Section 5-8 of the Park District Code or Section 11-95-14 of the Illinois Municipal Code; (o) made by the Chicago Park District for recreational programs for persons with disabilities under subsection (c) of Section 7.06 of the Chicago Park District Act; (p) made before January 1, 2021 for contributions to a firefighter's pension fund created under Article 4 of the Illinois Pension Code, to the extent of the amount certified under item (5) of Section 4-134 of the Illinois Pension Code; (q) made by Ford Heights School District 169 under Section 17-9.02 of the School Code; and (r) made for the purpose of making employer contributions to the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago under Section 34-53 of the School Code; and (s) made under Articles 3 and 4 of the Illinois Pension Code for contributions to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

"Aggregate extension" for all taxing districts to which this Law applies in accordance with Section 18-213, except for those taxing districts subject to paragraph (2) of subsection (e) of Section 18-213, means the annual corporate extension for the taxing district and those special purpose extensions that are made annually for the taxing district, excluding special purpose extensions: (a) made for the taxing district to pay interest or principal on general obligation bonds that were approved by referendum; (b) made for any taxing district to pay interest or principal on general obligation bonds issued before

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the date on which the referendum making this Law applicable to the taxing district is held; (c) made for any taxing district to pay interest or principal on bonds issued to refund or continue to refund those bonds issued before the date on which the referendum making this Law applicable to the taxing district is held; (d) made for any taxing district to pay interest or principal on bonds issued to refund or continue to refund bonds issued after the date on which the referendum making this Law applicable to the taxing district is held if the bonds were approved by referendum after the date on which the referendum making this Law applicable to the taxing district is held; (e) made for any taxing district to pay interest or principal on revenue bonds issued before the date on which the referendum making this Law applicable to the taxing district is held for payment of which a property tax levy or the full faith and credit of the unit of local government is pledged; however, a tax for the payment of interest or principal on those bonds shall be made only after the governing body of the unit of local government finds that all other sources for payment are insufficient to make those payments; (f) made for payments under a building commission lease when the lease payments are for the retirement of bonds issued by the commission before the date on which the referendum making this Law applicable to the taxing district is held to pay for the building project; (g) made for payments due under installment contracts entered into before the date on

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which the referendum making this Law applicable to the taxing district is held; (h) made for payments of principal and interest on limited bonds, as defined in Section 3 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act, in an amount not to exceed the debt service extension base less the amount in items (b), (c), and (e) of this definition for non-referendum obligations, except obligations initially issued pursuant to referendum; (i) made for payments of principal and interest on bonds issued under Section 15 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act; (j) made for a qualified airport authority to pay interest or principal on general obligation bonds issued for the purpose of paying obligations due under, or financing airport facilities required to be acquired, constructed, installed or equipped pursuant to, contracts entered into before March 1, 1996 (but not including any amendments to such a contract taking effect on or after that date); (k) made to fund expenses of providing joint recreational programs for persons with disabilities under Section 5-8 of the Park District Code or Section 11-95-14 of the Illinois Municipal Code; (1) made before January 1, 2021 for contributions to a firefighter's pension fund created under Article 4 of the Illinois Pension Code, to the extent of the amount certified under item (5) of Section 4-134 of the Illinois Pension Code; and (m) made for the taxing district to pay interest or principal on general obligation bonds issued pursuant to Section 19-3.10 of the School Code; and (n) made under Articles 3 and 4 of the Illinois Pension Code for

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contributions to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

"Aggregate extension" for all taxing districts to which this Law applies in accordance with paragraph (2) of subsection (e) of Section 18-213 means the annual corporate extension for the taxing district and those special purpose extensions that are made annually for the taxing district, excluding special purpose extensions: (a) made for the taxing district to pay interest or principal on general obligation bonds that were approved by referendum; (b) made for any taxing district to pay interest or principal on general obligation bonds issued before the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997; (c) made for any taxing district to pay interest or principal on bonds issued to refund or continue to refund those bonds issued before the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997; (d) made for any taxing district to pay interest or principal on bonds issued to refund or continue to refund bonds issued after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997 if the bonds were approved by referendum after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997; (e) made for any taxing district to pay interest or principal on revenue bonds issued before the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997 for payment of which a property tax levy or the full faith and credit of the unit of local government is pledged; however, a tax for the payment of interest or principal on those bonds shall be made only after the governing body of the unit of local government finds that all other sources for payment are insufficient to

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make those payments; (f) made for payments under a building commission lease when the lease payments are for the retirement of bonds issued by the commission before the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997 to pay for the building project; (q) made for payments due under installment contracts entered into before the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997; (h) made for payments of principal and interest on limited bonds, as defined in Section 3 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act, in an amount not to exceed the debt service extension base less the amount in items (b), (c), and (e) of this definition for non-referendum obligations, obligations initially issued pursuant to referendum; (i) made for payments of principal and interest on bonds issued under Section 15 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act; (j) made for a qualified airport authority to pay interest or principal on general obligation bonds issued for the purpose of paying obligations due under, or financing airport facilities required to be acquired, constructed, installed or equipped pursuant to, contracts entered into before March 1, 1996 (but not including any amendments to such a contract taking effect on or after that date); (k) made to fund expenses of providing joint recreational programs for persons with disabilities under Section 5-8 of the Park District Code or Section 11-95-14 of the Illinois Municipal Code; and (1) made before January 1, 2021 for contributions to a firefighter's pension fund created under Article 4 of the Illinois Pension Code, to the extent of

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the amount certified under item (5) of Section 4-134 of the
Illinois Pension Code; and (m) made under Articles 3 and 4 of
the Illinois Pension Code for contributions to the Illinois
Municipal Retirement Fund.

"Debt service extension base" means an amount equal to that portion of the extension for a taxing district for the 1994 levy year, or for those taxing districts subject to this Law in accordance with Section 18-213, except for those subject to paragraph (2) of subsection (e) of Section 18-213, for the levy year in which the referendum making this Law applicable to the taxing district is held, or for those taxing districts subject to this Law in accordance with paragraph (2) of subsection (e) of Section 18-213 for the 1996 levy year, constituting an extension for payment of principal and interest on bonds issued by the taxing district without referendum, but not including excluded non-referendum bonds. For park districts (i) that were first subject to this Law in 1991 or 1995 and (ii) whose extension for the 1994 levy year for the payment of principal and interest on bonds issued by the park district without referendum (but not including excluded non-referendum bonds) was less than 51% of the amount for the 1991 levy year constituting an extension for payment of principal and interest on bonds issued by the park district without referendum (but not including excluded non-referendum bonds), "debt service extension base" means an amount equal to that portion of the extension for the 1991 levy year constituting an extension for

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payment of principal and interest on bonds issued by the park district without referendum (but not including excluded non-referendum bonds). A debt service extension base established or increased at any time pursuant to any provision of this Law, except Section 18-212, shall be increased each year commencing with the later of (i) the 2009 levy year or (ii) the first levy year in which this Law becomes applicable to the taxing district, by the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index during the 12-month calendar year preceding the levy year. The debt service extension base may be established or increased as provided under Section 18-212. "Excluded non-referendum bonds" means (i) bonds authorized by Public Act 88-503 and issued under Section 20a of the Chicago Park District Act for aquarium and museum projects; (ii) bonds issued under Section 15 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act; or (iii) refunding obligations issued to refund or to continue to refund obligations initially issued pursuant to referendum.

"Special purpose extensions" include, but are not limited to, extensions for levies made on an annual basis for unemployment and workers' compensation, self-insurance, contributions to pension plans, and extensions made pursuant to Section 6-601 of the Illinois Highway Code for a road district's permanent road fund whether levied annually or not. The extension for a special service area is not included in the aggregate extension.

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"Aggregate extension base" means the taxing district's last preceding aggregate extension as adjusted under Sections 18-135, 18-215, 18-230, and 18-206. An adjustment under Section 18-135 shall be made for the 2007 levy year and all subsequent levy years whenever one or more counties within which a taxing district is located (i) used estimated valuations or rates when extending taxes in the taxing district for the last preceding levy year that resulted in the over or under extension of taxes, or (ii) increased or decreased the tax extension for the last preceding levy year as required by Section 18-135(c). Whenever an adjustment is required under Section 18-135, the aggregate extension base of the taxing district shall be equal to the amount that the aggregate extension of the taxing district would have been for the last preceding levy year if either or both (i) actual, rather than estimated, valuations or rates had been used to calculate the extension of taxes for the last levy year, or (ii) the tax extension for the last preceding levy year had not been adjusted as required by subsection (c) of Section 18-135.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for levy year 2012, the aggregate extension base for West Northfield School District No. 31 in Cook County shall be \$12,654,592.

"Levy year" has the same meaning as "year" under Section 1-155.

"New property" means (i) the assessed value, after final board of review or board of appeals action, of new improvements

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or additions to existing improvements on any parcel of real property that increase the assessed value of that real property during the levy year multiplied by the equalization factor issued by the Department under Section 17-30, (ii) the assessed value, after final board of review or board of appeals action, of real property not exempt from real estate taxation, which real property was exempt from real estate taxation for any portion of the immediately preceding levy year, multiplied by the equalization factor issued by the Department under Section 17-30, including the assessed value, upon final stabilization of occupancy after new construction is complete, of any real property located within the boundaries of an otherwise or previously exempt military reservation that is intended for residential use and owned by or leased to a private corporation or other entity, (iii) in counties that classify in accordance with Section 4 of Article IX of the Illinois Constitution, an incentive property's additional assessed value resulting from a scheduled increase in the level of assessment as applied to the first year final board of review market value, and (iv) any increase in assessed value due to oil or gas production from an oil or gas well required to be permitted under the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act that was not produced in or accounted for during the previous levy year. In addition, the county clerk in a county containing a population of 3,000,000 or more shall include in the 1997 recovered tax increment value for any school district, any recovered tax increment value that was

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applicable to the 1995 tax year calculations.

"Qualified airport authority" means an airport authority organized under the Airport Authorities Act and located in a county bordering on the State of Wisconsin and having a population in excess of 200,000 and not greater than 500,000.

"Recovered tax increment value" means, except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the amount of the current year's equalized assessed value, in the first year after municipality terminates the designation of an area as a redevelopment project area previously established under the Tax Increment Allocation Development Act in the Illinois Municipal Code, previously established under the Industrial Jobs Recovery Law in the Illinois Municipal Code, previously established under the Economic Development Project Area Tax Increment Act of 1995, or previously established under the Economic Development Area Tax Increment Allocation Act, of each taxable lot, block, tract, or parcel of real property in the redevelopment project area over and above the initial equalized assessed value of each property in the redevelopment project area. For the taxes which are extended for the 1997 levy year, the recovered tax increment value for a non-home rule taxing district that first became subject to this Law for the 1995 levy year because a majority of its 1994 equalized assessed value was in an affected county or counties shall be increased if a municipality terminated the designation of an area in 1993 as a redevelopment project area previously established under

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the Tax Increment Allocation Development Act in the Illinois Municipal Code, previously established under the Industrial Jobs Recovery Law in the Illinois Municipal Code, or previously established under the Economic Development Area Tax Increment Allocation Act, by an amount equal to the 1994 equalized assessed value of each taxable lot, block, tract, or parcel of real property in the redevelopment project area over and above the initial equalized assessed value of each property in the redevelopment project area. In the first year after a municipality removes a taxable lot, block, tract, or parcel of real property from a redevelopment project area established under the Tax Increment Allocation Development Act in the Illinois Municipal Code, the Industrial Jobs Recovery Law in the Illinois Municipal Code, or the Economic Development Area Tax Increment Allocation Act, "recovered tax increment value" means the amount of the current year's equalized assessed value of each taxable lot, block, tract, or parcel of real property removed from the redevelopment project area over and above the initial equalized assessed value of that real property before removal from the redevelopment project area.

Except as otherwise provided in this Section, "limiting rate" means a fraction the numerator of which is the last preceding aggregate extension base times an amount equal to one plus the extension limitation defined in this Section and the denominator of which is the current year's equalized assessed value of all real property in the territory under the

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jurisdiction of the taxing district during the prior levy year. For those taxing districts that reduced their aggregate extension for the last preceding levy year, except for school that reduced their extension for educational purposes pursuant to Section 18-206, the highest aggregate extension in any of the last 3 preceding levy years shall be used for the purpose of computing the limiting rate. The denominator shall not include new property or the recovered tax increment value. If a new rate, a rate decrease, or a limiting rate increase has been approved at an election held after March 21, 2006, then (i) the otherwise applicable limiting rate shall be increased by the amount of the new rate or shall be reduced by the amount of the rate decrease, as the case may be, or (ii) in the case of a limiting rate increase, the limiting rate shall be equal to the rate set forth in the proposition approved by the voters for each of the years specified in the proposition, after which the limiting rate of the taxing district shall be calculated as otherwise provided. In the case of a taxing district that obtained referendum approval for an increased limiting rate on March 20, 2012, the limiting rate for tax year 2012 shall be the rate that generates the approximate total amount of taxes extendable for that tax year, as set forth in the proposition approved by the voters; this rate shall be the final rate applied by the county clerk for the aggregate of all capped funds of the district for tax year 2012.

- 1 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15; 99-521, eff. 6-1-17;
- 2 100-465, eff. 8-31-17.)
- 3 Section 10. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by
- 4 changing Sections 3-101, 3-106, 4-101, 4-106, and 7-109 and by
- 5 adding Sections 3-101.1, 3-101.2, 4-101.1, 4-101.2, 7-199.5,
- 6 and 7-199.6 as follows:
- 7 (40 ILCS 5/3-101) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 3-101)
- 8 Sec. 3-101. Creation and consolidation of the funds fund.
- 9 (a) Until January 1, 2021, in In each municipality, as
- 10 defined in Section 3-103, the city council or the board of
- 11 trustees, as the case may be, shall establish and administer a
- 12 police pension fund, as prescribed in this Article, for the
- benefit of its police officers and of their surviving spouses,
- 14 children, and certain other dependents. The duty of the
- 15 corporate authorities of a municipality to establish and
- 16 administer a police pension fund shall be suspended during any
- period during which the fund is dissolved under Section 3-144.6
- 18 of this Code.
- 19 (b) On January 1, 2021, all of the individual police
- 20 pension funds then existing under this Article are merged and
- 21 consolidated into the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund,
- 22 which shall be administered as prescribed in this Article and
- 23 Article 7.
- 24 (c) Beginning January 1, 2021, each municipality, as

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- 2 Municipal Retirement Fund for the benefit of its police
- 3 <u>officers and of their surviving spouses, children, and certain</u>
- 4 other dependents.
- 5 (d) It is the purpose of this consolidation to provide the
- 6 advantages of (i) centralized custody and investment of pension
- fund assets, (ii) consistent interpretation and application of
- 8 this Article in accordance with a single set of rules and
- 9 procedures adopted by the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund,
- 10 and (iii) securing the future funding of pension benefits
- 11 through an independent determination of each municipality's
- 12 required annual contribution rate.
- 13 (Source: P.A. 97-99, eff. 1-1-12.)
- 14 (40 ILCS 5/3-101.1 new)
- Sec. 3-101.1. Transition Board.
- 16 (a) There is hereby created a Downstate Police Pension Fund
- 17 Transition Board, which may be referred to as the "Transition
- 18 Board". The Transition Board shall consist of 11 members as
- 19 follows:
- 20 (1) The Director of Insurance, or his or her designee.
- 21 (2) Two persons with experience in managing or
- 22 administering an Illinois public employee pension fund or
- retirement system, appointed by the Governor.
- 24 (3) One person with experience in providing actuarial
- 25 services to an Illinois public employee pension fund or

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1	retirement system, appointed by the Governor.
2	(4) One person with experience in auditing Illinois
3	public employee pension funds or retirement systems,
4	appointed by the Auditor General.
5	(5) Two members of the labor organization representing
6	the largest number of police officers participating in
7	Article 3 pension funds, with one member being an active
8	participant and the other being a retired participant,
9	appointed by the Governor from recommendations of the
10	President of that organization.
11	(6) Two persons who are mayors or chief elected
12	officers of municipalities that maintain an Article 3
13	pension fund, appointed by the Governor from
14	recommendations of the Executive Director of the
15	organization representing the largest number of
16	municipalities in the State.
17	(7) One person familiar with the operation and
18	administration of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund,
19	appointed by the Executive Director of that Fund.
20	(8) One person familiar with the investment authority
21	and practices of the Illinois State Board of Investment,
22	appointed by the Executive Director of the Illinois State
23	Board of Investment.
24	All such appointments and designations shall be made by

filing a written notice thereof with the Secretary of State no

later than 30 days after the effective date of this amendatory

1	Act of the 101st General Assembly.
2	(b) The Transition Board shall be responsible for planning,
3	overseeing, and administering the consolidation and merger of
4	all existing Article 3 pension funds into the Illinois
5	Municipal Retirement Fund.
6	Members of the Transition Board shall act at all times in a
7	manner appropriate for fiduciaries of the Fund and fiduciaries
8	of the pension funds being consolidated.
9	The Transition Board's powers and duties include, but are
10	<pre>not limited to, the following:</pre>
11	(1) Providing for the preservation and consolidation
12	of membership, beneficiary, financial, and other records
13	relating to the Article 3 pension funds to be merged.
14	(2) Obtaining all necessary Internal Revenue Service
15	and any other necessary approval or review.
16	(3) Providing for the final auditing of existing
17	Article 3 pension funds, including a final accounting of
18	their respective assets and liabilities, paid for by the
19	applicable pension fund.
20	(4) Providing for the custody and transfer of the
21	assets and liabilities of the existing Article 3 pension
22	funds to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, on a
23	schedule to be determined by the Transition Board.
24	(5) Recommending to the Illinois Municipal Retirement
25	Fund an appropriate system of accounting for the assets and
26	liabilities attributable to the existing Article 3 pension

funds and for establishing separate reserves and accounts

for each municipality participating in the Fund with

respect to its police officers.

- (6) Recommending to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund an appropriate system of determining, administering, receiving, and enforcing the required municipal contributions to the Fund. The municipal contribution rate shall be determined separately for each municipality on an annual basis in accordance with the requirements of this Article, based on the municipality's separate reserves and accounts within the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. The Transition Board shall endeavor to determine the required municipal contributions to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund with regard to the municipality's police officers under this Article and to notify and provide reasonable quidance to municipalities in a manner that ensures uninterrupted contributions during the transition period.
- (7) Ensuring the uninterrupted payment and administration of benefits.
- (8) Adopting any rules or procedures necessary for the efficient consolidation of the existing Article 3 pension funds.
- (9) Considering the consequences of the consolidation on any QILDROs filed with the pension funds being consolidated and giving appropriate notice and advice to

1	persons who may be affected by those QILDROs concerning the
2	possible effects of consolidation.

- (10) Making recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly with respect to legislation necessary or useful for the implementation of this consolidation or for the successful administration of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund with respect to police officers under this Article.
- (11) Consulting with the Illinois Municipal Retirement

 Fund about the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund's

 policies, practices, rules, and structure.
- (c) The Public Pension Division of the Department of

 Insurance shall provide all reasonably necessary and available

 temporary office space, technical and clerical support, and

 monetary or other assistance at the request of the Transition

 Board.
 - For the purpose of implementing the consolidation, the Transition Board may direct the Public Pension Division to accelerate, expand, or enhance its examination under Section 1A-104 of all or specific Article 3 pension funds, or to conduct a particular study or investigation thereof. The expenses of such examinations and investigations, to the extent not paid by the Division, shall be charged to the applicable pension fund.
- (d) In preparation for the consolidation of the pension funds into the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund on January 1,

- 1 2021, the Transition Board is authorized to expend or obligate 2 the assets of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for any of 3 the reasonable expenses of consolidating the pension funds into the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, including the payment 4 5 of benefits during the consolidation period and reasonable administrative expenses. As used in this Section, "reasonable 6 7 administrative expenses" includes, but is not limited to, the 8 cost of hiring personnel and obtaining professional services to 9 the extent necessary for the consolidation, the cost of insurance, and the cost of indemnifying members of the 10 11 Transition Board and its employees, advisors, and agents.
- 12 <u>(e) Members of the Transition Board, other than State</u>
 13 <u>officials and employees, may be compensated for their service,</u>
 14 <u>and all members may be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses</u>
 15 out of any moneys available for that purpose.
- (f) Sixty days after the Board of Trustees of the Illinois

 Municipal Retirement Fund assumes its duties, the Transition

 Board is abolished.
- 19 (40 ILCS 5/3-101.2 new)
- 20 <u>Sec. 3-101.2. Consolidation of pension funds into the</u>
 21 <u>Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.</u>
- 22 <u>(a) On January 1, 2021, all of the individual police</u>
 23 <u>pension funds then existing under this Article are merged and</u>
 24 <u>consolidated into the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund,</u>
 25 <u>which shall be administered as prescribed in this Article and</u>

1 Article 7.

In preparation for that consolidation, all pension funds established under this Article, and the municipalities that established them, shall cooperate with the Transition Board.

(b) The Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund shall be the legal successor to each of the pension funds that are consolidated within it, and it may exercise any of the rights and powers and perform any of the duties of those pension funds.

At the time of consolidation, or as otherwise directed by the Transition Board, all assets and liabilities belonging to or arising from the trust of an existing pension fund shall become the assets and liabilities of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

As and when directed by the Transition Board, the trustees of the pension funds established under Article 3 of this Code shall transfer to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, for management and investment as assets of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, all of their securities and other investments not needed for immediate use.

(c) At the time of consolidation or as otherwise directed by the Transition Board, assets not belonging to or arising from the trust that are incidentally owned by a pension fund, and any incidental liabilities of a pension fund not relating to or arising from the trust, shall become the assets and liabilities of the municipality.

Assets not belonging to or arising from the trust that are owned by a municipality and incidentally used by a pension fund, and any associated liabilities, are not affected by the consolidation and shall continue to be managed as assets and liabilities of that municipality.

As necessary or useful to effectuate the consolidation, the board of trustees of a pension fund to be consolidated and the applicable municipality may each, in its discretion, continue or renegotiate any employment or service contract, lease, or other contract to which it is a party that relates to the operation of the consolidated pension fund, and it may take appropriate action to terminate any such contract as necessary to terminate or avoid unnecessary or duplicative personnel, facilities, or services.

- (d) Beginning on January 1, 2021, all benefits payable under this Article shall be payable from the appropriate accounts and reserves of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.
- (e) The consolidation of pension funds under this Article shall not diminish or impair the benefits of any current or former police officer who participated in one of those pension funds, or of any such police officer's surviving spouse, children, or other dependents.
- The consolidation of pension funds under this Article shall not change the police officer contribution rate.
- The consolidation of pension funds under this Article does

- 1 not entitle any person to a recalculation or combination of any
- benefit or benefits previously granted or to a refund of any
- 3 contribution previously paid.
- 4 The consolidation of pension funds under this Article is
- 5 <u>not intended to increase the benefits provided under this</u>
- 6 Article, except insofar as the consolidation of pension funds
- 7 <u>into the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund will allow police</u>
- 8 officers in active service on or after the consolidation date
- 9 to have their benefit calculations (and those of their
- 10 qualifying survivors) include consideration of all of the
- 11 police officer's service, salary, and credits in the Fund as
- 12 though arising under the Fund, rather than as arising under
- more than one participating municipality or more than one
- 14 Article 3 pension fund.
- 15 (f) On January 1, 2021, the rules adopted by the Transition
- 16 Board shall become the rules of the Illinois Municipal
- 17 Retirement Fund with respect to this Article.
- 18 (40 ILCS 5/3-106) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 3-106)
- 19 Sec. 3-106. Police officer, officer. "Police officer" or
- 20 "officer": Any person who (1) is first appointed before January
- 21 1, 2021 to the police force of a police department and sworn
- 22 and commissioned to perform police duties; and (2) within 3
- 23 months after receiving his or her first appointment and, if
- 24 reappointed, within 3 months thereafter, or as otherwise
- 25 provided in Section 3-109, makes written application to the

- 1 board to come under the provisions of this Article.
- 2 Police officers serving initial probationary periods, if
- 3 otherwise eligible, shall be police officers within the meaning
- 4 of this Section.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 89-52, eff. 6-30-95.)
- 6 (40 ILCS 5/4-101) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 4-101)
- 7 Sec. 4-101. Creation and consolidation of the funds fund.
- 8 (a) Until January 1, 2021, in The each municipality as
- 9 defined in Section 4-103, the city council or the board of
- 10 trustees, as the case may be, shall establish and administer a
- 11 firefighters' pension fund as prescribed in this Article, for
- the benefit of its firefighters and of their surviving spouses,
- 13 children and certain other dependents. The duty of the
- 14 corporate authorities of a municipality to establish and
- 15 administer a firefighters' pension fund shall be suspended
- during any period during which the fund is dissolved under
- 17 subsection (c) of Section 4-106.1 of this Code.
- 18 (b) On January 1, 2021, all of the individual firefighter
- 19 pension funds then existing under this Article are merged and
- 20 consolidated into the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund,
- 21 which shall be administered as prescribed in this Article and
- 22 Article 7.
- 23 (c) Beginning January 1, 2021, each municipality, as
- 24 <u>defined in Section 4-103, shall participate in the Illinois</u>
- 25 Municipal Retirement Fund for the benefit of its firefighters

dependents.

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- 1 and of their surviving spouses, children, and certain other
- 3 (d) It is the purpose of this consolidation to provide the
- 4 advantages of (i) centralized custody and investment of pension
- 5 fund assets, (ii) consistent interpretation and application of
- 6 this Article in accordance with a single set of rules and
- 7 procedures adopted by the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund,
- 8 and (iii) securing the future funding of pension benefits
- 9 through an independent determination of each municipality's
- 10 required annual contribution rate.
- 11 (Source: P.A. 97-99, eff. 1-1-12.)
- 12 (40 ILCS 5/4-101.1 new)
- 13 Sec. 4-101.1. Transition Board.
- 14 (a) There is hereby created a Downstate Firefighter Pension
- 15 <u>Fund Transition Board, which may be referred to as the</u>
- 16 <u>"Transition Board". The Transition Board shall consist of 11</u>
- members as follows:
- 18 (1) The Director of Insurance, or his or her designee.
- 19 (2) Two persons with experience in managing or
- 20 administering an Illinois public employee pension fund or
- 21 retirement system, appointed by the Governor.
- 22 (3) One person with experience in providing actuarial
- 23 services to an Illinois public employee pension fund or
- retirement system, appointed by the Governor.
- 25 (4) One person with experience in auditing Illinois

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1	public employee pension funds or retirement systems,
2	appointed by the Auditor General.
3	(5) Two members of the labor organization representing
4	the largest number of firefighters participating in
5	Article 4 pension funds, with one member being an active
6	participant and the other being a retired participant,
7	appointed by the Governor from recommendations of the
8	President of that organization.
9	(6) Two persons who are mayors or chief elected
10	officers of municipalities that maintain an Article 4
11	pension fund, appointed by the Governor from
12	recommendations of the Executive Director of the
13	organization representing the largest number of
14	municipalities in the State.
15	(7) One person familiar with the operation and
16	administration of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund,
17	appointed by the Executive Director of that Fund.
18	(8) One person familiar with the investment authority
19	and practices of the Illinois State Board of Investment,
20	appointed by the Executive Director of the Illinois State
21	Board of Investment.
22	All such appointments and designations shall be made by
23	filing a written notice thereof with the Secretary of State no

later than 30 days after the effective date of this amendatory

(b) The Transition Board shall be responsible for planning,

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1	overseeing, and administering the consolidation and merger of
2	all existing Article 4 pension funds into the Illinois
3	Municipal Retirement Fund.
4	Members of the Transition Board shall act at all times in a
5	manner appropriate for fiduciaries of the Fund and fiduciaries
6	of the pension funds being consolidated.
7	The Transition Board's powers and duties include, but are
8	not limited to, the following:
9	(1) Providing for the preservation and consolidation
10	of membership, beneficiary, financial, and other records
11	relating to the Article 4 pension funds to be merged.
12	(2) Obtaining all necessary Internal Revenue Service
13	and any other necessary approval or review.
14	(3) Providing for the final auditing of existing
15	Article 4 pension funds, including a final accounting of
16	their respective assets and liabilities, paid for by the
17	applicable pension fund.
18	(4) Providing for the custody and transfer of the
19	assets and liabilities of the existing Article 4 pension
20	funds to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, on a
21	schedule to be determined by the Transition Board.
22	(5) Recommending to the Illinois Municipal Retirement
23	Fund an appropriate system of accounting for the assets and
24	liabilities attributable to the existing Article 4 pension
25	funds and for establishing separate reserves and accounts
26	for each municipality participating in the Fund with

respect to its firefighters.

- (6) Recommending to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund an appropriate system of determining, administering, receiving, and enforcing the required municipal contributions to the Fund. The municipal contribution rate shall be determined separately for each municipality on an annual basis in accordance with the requirements of this Article, based on the municipality's separate reserves and accounts within the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. The Transition Board shall endeavor to determine the required municipal contributions to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund with regard to the municipality's firefighters under this Article and to notify and provide reasonable guidance to municipalities in a manner that ensures uninterrupted contributions during the transition period.
- (7) Ensuring the uninterrupted payment and administration of benefits.
- (8) Adopting any rules or procedures necessary for the efficient consolidation of the existing Article 4 pension funds.
- (9) Considering the consequences of the consolidation on any QILDROs filed with the pension funds being consolidated and giving appropriate notice and advice to persons who may be affected by those QILDROs concerning the possible effects of consolidation.

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- (11) Consulting with the Illinois Municipal Retirement

 Fund about the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund's

 policies, practices, rules, and structure.
- (c) The Public Pension Division of the Department of Insurance shall provide all reasonably necessary and available temporary office space, technical and clerical support, and monetary or other assistance at the request of the Transition Board.

For the purpose of implementing the consolidation, the Transition Board may direct the Public Pension Division to accelerate, expand, or enhance its examination under Section 1A-104 of all or specific Article 4 pension funds, or to conduct a particular study or investigation thereof. The expenses of such examinations and investigations, to the extent not paid by the Division, shall be charged to the applicable pension fund.

(d) In preparation for the consolidation of the pension funds into the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund on January 1, 2021, the Transition Board is authorized to expend or obligate the assets of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for any of

- 1 the reasonable expenses of consolidating the pension funds into
- 2 the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, including the payment
- of benefits during the consolidation period and reasonable 3
- administrative expenses. As used in this Section, "reasonable 4
- 5 administrative expenses" includes, but is not limited to, the
- cost of hiring personnel and obtaining professional services to 6
- 7 the extent necessary for the consolidation, the cost of
- 8 insurance, and the cost of indemnifying members of the
- 9 Transition Board and its employees, advisors, and agents.
- 10 (e) Members of the Transition Board, other than State
- 11 officials and employees, may be compensated for their service,
- 12 and all members may be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses
- out of any moneys available for that purpose. 13
- 14 (f) Sixty days after the Board of Trustees of the Illinois
- 15 Municipal Retirement Fund assumes its duties, the Transition
- 16 Board is abolished.
- 17 (40 ILCS 5/4-101.2 new)
- 18 Sec. 4-101.2. Consolidation of pension funds into the
- 19 Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.
- (a) On January 1, 2021, all of the individual firefighter 20
- 21 pension funds then existing under this Article are merged and
- 22 consolidated into the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund,
- 23 which shall be administered as prescribed in this Article and
- 24 Article 7.
- In preparation for that consolidation, all pension funds 25

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- established under this Article, and the municipalities that 1 2 established them, shall cooperate with the Transition Board.
 - (b) The Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund shall be the legal successor to each of the pension funds that are consolidated within it, and it may exercise any of the rights and powers and perform any of the duties of those pension funds.

At the time of consolidation, or as otherwise directed by the Transition Board, all assets and liabilities belonging to or arising from the trust of an existing pension fund shall become the assets and liabilities of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

As and when directed by the Transition Board, the trustees of the pension funds established under Article 4 of this Code shall transfer to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, for management and investment as assets of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, all of their securities and other investments not needed for immediate use.

(c) At the time of consolidation or as otherwise directed by the Transition Board, assets not belonging to or arising from the trust that are incidentally owned by a pension fund, and any incidental liabilities of a pension fund not relating to or arising from the trust, shall become the assets and liabilities of the municipality.

Assets not belonging to or arising from the trust that are owned by a municipality and incidentally used by a pension

fund, and any associated liabilities, are not affected by the

consolidation and shall continue to be managed as assets and

liabilities of that municipality.

As necessary or useful to effectuate the consolidation, the board of trustees of a pension fund to be consolidated and the applicable municipality may each, in its discretion, continue or renegotiate any employment or service contract, lease, or other contract to which it is a party that relates to the operation of the consolidated pension fund, and it may take appropriate action to terminate any such contract as necessary to terminate or avoid unnecessary or duplicative personnel, facilities, or services.

- (d) Beginning on January 1, 2021, all benefits payable under this Article shall be payable from the appropriate accounts and reserves of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.
- (e) The consolidation of pension funds under this Article shall not diminish or impair the benefits of any current or former firefighter who participated in one of those pension funds, or of any such firefighter's surviving spouse, children, or other dependents.
- The consolidation of pension funds under this Article shall not change the firefighter contribution rate, except that no additional contribution shall be paid under subsection (c) of Section 4-118.1.
 - The consolidation of pension funds under this Article does

- 1 not entitle any person to a recalculation or combination of any
- benefit or benefits previously granted or to a refund of any
- 3 contribution previously paid.
- 4 The consolidation of pension funds under this Article is
- 5 not intended to increase the benefits provided under this
- 6 Article, except insofar as the consolidation of pension funds
- 7 <u>into the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund will allow</u>
- 8 firefighters in active service on or after the consolidation
- 9 <u>date to have their benefit calculations (and those of their</u>
- 10 qualifying survivors) include consideration of all of the
- 11 firefighter's service, salary, and credits in the Fund as
- 12 though arising under the Fund, rather than as arising under
- more than one participating municipality or more than one
- 14 Article 4 pension fund.
- 15 (f) On January 1, 2021, the rules adopted by the Transition
- 16 Board shall become the rules of the Illinois Municipal
- 17 Retirement Fund with respect to this Article.
- 18 (40 ILCS 5/4-106) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 4-106)
- 19 Sec. 4-106. Firefighter, firefighters. "Firefighter,
- 20 firefighters":
- 21 (a) In municipalities which have adopted Division 1 of
- 22 Article 10 of the Illinois Municipal Code, any person first
- 23 employed <u>before January 1, 2021</u> in the municipality's fire
- service as a firefighter, fire engineer, marine engineer, fire
- 25 pilot, bomb technician or scuba diver; and in any of these

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- positions where such person's duties also include those of a firefighter as classified by the Civil Service Commission of that city, and whose duty is to participate in the work of controlling and extinguishing fires at the location of any such fires.
 - (b) In municipalities which are subject to Division 2.1 of Article 10 of the Illinois Municipal Code, any person <u>first</u> employed <u>before January 1, 2021</u> by a city in its fire service as a firefighter, fire engineer, marine engineer, fire pilot, bomb technician, or scuba diver; and, in any of these positions whose duties also include those of a firefighter and are certified in the same manner as a firefighter in that city.
 - (c) In municipalities which are subject to neither Division 1 nor Division 2.1 of Article 10 of the Illinois Municipal Code, any person who would have been included as a firefighter under sub-paragraph (a) or (b) above except that he served as a de facto and not as a de jure firefighter.
 - (d) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Section, "firefighter" does not include any person who is actively participating in the State Universities Retirement System under subsection (h) of Section 15-107 with respect to the employment for which he or she is a participating employee in that System.
- (e) This amendatory Act of 1977 does not affect persons covered by this Article prior to September 22, 1977.
- 26 (Source: P.A. 90-576, eff. 3-31-98.)

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- 1 (40 ILCS 5/7-109) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 7-109)
 2 Sec. 7-109. Employee.
 - (1) "Employee" means any person who:
 - (a) 1. Receives earnings as payment for the performance of personal services or official duties out of the general fund of a municipality, or out of any special fund or funds controlled by a municipality, or by an instrumentality thereof, or a participating instrumentality, including, in counties, the fees or earnings of any county fee office; and
 - 2. Under the usual common law rules applicable in determining the employer-employee relationship, has the status of an employee with a municipality, or any instrumentality thereof, or a participating instrumentality, including aldermen, county supervisors and other persons (excepting those employed as independent contractors) who are paid compensation, fees, allowances or other emolument for official duties, and, in counties, the several county fee offices.
 - (b) Serves as a township treasurer appointed under the School Code, as heretofore or hereafter amended, and who receives for such services regular compensation as distinguished from per diem compensation, and any regular employee in the office of any township treasurer whether or not his earnings are paid from the income of the permanent

township fund or from funds subject to distribution to the several school districts and parts of school districts as provided in the School Code, or from both such sources; or is the chief executive officer, chief educational officer, chief fiscal officer, or other employee of a Financial Oversight Panel established pursuant to Article 1H of the School Code, other than a superintendent or certified school business official, except that such person shall not be treated as an employee under this Section if that person has negotiated with the Financial Oversight Panel, in conjunction with the school district, a contractual agreement for exclusion from this Section.

- (c) Holds an elective office in a municipality, instrumentality thereof or participating instrumentality.
- (d) Is first appointed on or after January 1, 2021 to the police force of a police department in a municipality, as defined in Section 3-103, and sworn and commissioned to perform police duties.
- (e) Is in a municipality, as defined in Section 4-103, that has adopted Division 1 of Article 10 of the Illinois Municipal Code and is first employed on or after January 1, 2021 in the municipality's fire service as a firefighter, fire engineer, marine engineer, fire pilot, bomb technician, or scuba diver; and in any of these positions where such person's duties also include those of a firefighter as classified by the Civil Service Commission

1	of that city, and whose duty is to participate in the work
2	of controlling and extinguishing fires at the location of
3	any such fires.

- (f) Is in a municipality, as defined in Section 4-103, that is subject to Division 2.1 of Article 10 of the Illinois Municipal Code and is first employed on or after January 1, 2021 by a city in its fire service as a firefighter, fire engineer, marine engineer, fire pilot, bomb technician, or scuba diver; and, in any of these positions whose duties also include those of a firefighter and are certified in the same manner as a firefighter in that city.
- (g) Is first employed on or after January 1, 2021 in a municipality, as defined in Section 4-103, that is subject to neither Division 1 nor Division 2.1 of Article 10 of the Illinois Municipal Code and would have been included as an employee under items (e) or (f) except that he or she served as a de facto and not as a de jure firefighter.
- (2) "Employee" does not include persons who:
- (a) Are eligible for inclusion under any of the following laws:
 - 1. "An Act in relation to an Illinois State Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund", approved May 27, 1915, as amended;
 - 2. Articles 15 and 16 of this Code.
 - However, such persons shall be included as employees to

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the extent of earnings that are not eligible for inclusion under the foregoing laws for services not of an instructional nature of any kind.

However, any member of the armed forces who is employed as a teacher of subjects in the Reserve Officers Training Corps of any school and who is not certified under the law governing the certification of teachers shall be included as an employee.

(b) Are designated before January 1, 2021 by the governing body of a municipality in which a pension fund is required by law to be established for policemen or firemen, respectively, as performing police or fire protection duties, except that when such persons are the heads of the police or fire department and are not eligible to be included within any such pension fund, they shall be included within this Article; provided, that such persons shall not be excluded to the extent of concurrent service and earnings not designated as being for police or fire protection duties. However, (i) any head of a police department who was a participant under this Article immediately before October 1, 1977 and did not elect, under Section 3-109 of this Act, to participate in a police pension fund shall be an "employee", and (ii) any chief of police who became a participating employee under this Article before January 1, 2019 and who elects participate in this Fund under Section 3-109.1 of this

Code, regardless of whether such person continues to be employed as chief of police or is employed in some other rank or capacity within the police department, shall be an employee under this Article for so long as such person is employed to perform police duties by a participating municipality and has not lawfully rescinded that election.

- (b-5) Were not participating employees under this Article before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly and participated as a chief of police in a fund under Article 3 and return to work in any capacity with the police department, with any oversight of the police department, or in an advisory capacity for the police department with the same municipality with which that pension was earned, regardless of whether they are considered an employee of the police department or are eligible for inclusion in the municipality's Article 3 fund.
- (c) Are contributors to or eligible to contribute to a Taft-Hartley pension plan to which the participating municipality is required to contribute as the person's employer based on earnings from the municipality. Nothing in this paragraph shall affect service credit or creditable service for any period of service prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, and this paragraph shall not apply to individuals who are participating in the Fund prior to the effective date of

this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly.

- (d) Become an employee of any of the following participating instrumentalities on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly: the Illinois Municipal League; the Illinois Association of Park Districts; the Illinois Supervisors, County Commissioners and Superintendents of Highways Association; an association, or not-for-profit corporation, membership in which is authorized under Section 85-15 of the Township Code; the United Counties Council; or the Will County Governmental League.
- (3) All persons, including, without limitation, public defenders and probation officers, who receive earnings from general or special funds of a county for performance of personal services or official duties within the territorial limits of the county, are employees of the county (unless excluded by subsection (2) of this Section) notwithstanding that they may be appointed by and are subject to the direction of a person or persons other than a county board or a county officer. It is hereby established that an employer-employee relationship under the usual common law rules exists between such employees and the county paying their salaries by reason of the fact that the county boards fix their rates of compensation, appropriate funds for payment of their earnings and otherwise exercise control over them. This finding and this amendatory Act shall apply to all such employees from the date

- 1 of appointment whether such date is prior to or after the
- 2 effective date of this amendatory Act and is intended to
- 3 clarify existing law pertaining to their status as
- 4 participating employees in the Fund.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 99-830, eff. 1-1-17; 100-281, eff. 8-24-17;
- 6 100-1097, eff. 8-26-18.)
- 7 (40 ILCS 5/7-199.5 new)
- 8 Sec. 7-199.5. To assist in the consolidation of the pension
- 9 funds under Articles 3 and 4. The Board shall assist in the
- 10 consolidation of pension funds under Articles 3 and 4 and shall
- 11 provide assistance to the Transition Boards created under
- 12 Sections 3-101.1 and 4-101.1 of this Code. The Board shall
- adopt any rules necessary to prepare for the consolidation of
- 14 the pension funds under Articles 3 and 4, including
- 15 establishing accounts and reserves necessary for the
- 16 administration of the benefits and requirements under Articles
- 17 3 and 4, and to provide recommendations and administrative
- support necessary to the Transition Boards.
- 19 (40 ILCS 5/7-199.6 new)
- Sec. 7-199.6. To administer the benefits under Articles 3
- 21 and 4.
- 22 (a) On and after January 1, 2021, the Fund shall administer
- 23 the benefits and other requirements under Article 3 in
- accordance with that Article and this Article 7. To the extent

that the administrative requirements under Article 3 conflict
with this Article 7, this Article 7 shall control. The Fund may
exercise any of the rights and powers and perform any of the

4 <u>duties of the consolidated pension funds under Article 3.</u>

The Fund shall adopt rules for the efficient operation and administration of Article 3. Any rules adopted by the Transition Board established under Section 3-101.1 shall become the rules of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund with respect to the benefits and administration of Article 3 until the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund rescinds those rules or adopts superseding rules.

(b) On and after January 1, 2021, the Fund shall administer the benefits and other requirements under Article 4 in accordance with that Article and this Article 7. To the extent that the administrative requirements under Article 4 conflict with this Article 7, this Article 7 shall control. The Fund may exercise any of the rights and powers and perform any of the duties of the consolidated pension funds under Article 4.

The Fund shall adopt rules for the efficient operation and administration of Article 4. Any rules adopted by the Transition Board established under Section 4-101.1 shall become the rules of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund with respect to the benefits and administration of Article 4 until the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund rescinds those rules or adopts superseding rules.

- 1 Section 15. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by
- 2 changing Sections 3-103, 3-105, 3-108.2, 3-108.3, 3-110,
- 3 3-110.7, 3-125, 3-125.1, 3-128, 3-134, 3-135, 3-141, 4-103,
- 4 4-105, 4-105c, 4-105d, 4-108, 4-118, 4-118.1, 4-121, 4-124,
- 5 4-128, 4-134, 7-175, and 7-175.1 and by adding Sections
- 6 3-102.1, 3-103.9, 3-141a, 3-141b, 4-102.1, 4-106.5, 4-130.1,
- 7 and 4-130.3 as follows:
- 8 (40 ILCS 5/3-102.1 new)
- 9 Sec. 3-102.1. Fund. "Fund" or "pension fund": Until January
- 10 1, 2021, a police pension fund established by a municipality
- 11 under this Article.
- Beginning January 1, 2021, "Fund" or "pension fund" means
- 13 the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund with respect to this
- 14 Article; depending on the context, the terms may include one or
- more of those previously established pension funds.
- 16 (40 ILCS 5/3-103) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 3-103)
- 17 Sec. 3-103. Municipality; participating municipality;
- 18 governing body.
- 19 (a) "Municipality": (1) Any city, village or incorporated
- town of 5,000 or more but less than 500,000 inhabitants, as
- 21 determined from the United States Government statistics or a
- 22 census taken at any time by the city, village or incorporated
- 23 town and (2) any city, village or incorporated town of less
- than 5,000 inhabitants which, by referendum held under Section

- 1 3-145 adopts this Article.
- 2 (b) "Participating municipality" means a municipality, as
- defined in subsection (a), that both is required (or has
- 4 elected) to and does in fact participate in the Fund with
- 5 respect to its police officers under this Article.
- 6 (c) "Governing body" includes, but is not limited to, the
- 7 board of town trustees or other persons empowered to draft the
- 8 tentative budget and appropriation ordinance and the electors
- 9 of such a township acting at the annual or special meeting of
- 10 town electors.
- 11 (Source: P.A. 83-1440.)
- 12 (40 ILCS 5/3-103.9 new)
- 13 Sec. 3-103.9. Authorized agent of a participating
- 14 municipality.
- 15 (a) Each participating municipality shall appoint an
- authorized agent who shall have the powers and duties set forth
- 17 in this Section. In the absence of such an appointment, the
- 18 duties of the authorized agent shall devolve upon the clerk or
- 19 secretary of the municipality. The authorized agent may be the
- 20 same person appointed as the authorized agent under Section
- 21 7-135.
- 22 (b) The authorized agent of the municipality shall have the
- following powers and duties:
- 24 (1) To certify to the Fund whether or not a given
- 25 person is authorized to participate in the Fund.

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- (3) To request the proper officer to cause employee contributions to be withheld from salary and promptly transmitted to the Fund.
- (4) To request the proper officer to cause municipality contributions to be promptly forwarded to the Fund.
- (5) To forward promptly to all participating employees any communications for such employees from the Fund or the municipality.
- (6) To forward promptly to the Board of the Fund all applications, claims reports, and other communications delivered to the agent by participating employees.
- (7) To perform all duties related to the administration of the Fund as requested by the Fund or the governing body of the municipality.
- (c) The governing body of each participating municipality may delegate either or both of the following powers to its authorized agent:
- 21 (1) To file a petition for nomination of an executive 22 trustee of the Fund.
- 23 (2) To cast the ballot for election of an executive trustee of the Fund.
- 25 <u>If a governing body does not authorize its agent to perform</u> 26 the powers set forth in this Section, they shall be performed

- by the governing body itself, unless the governing body by
- 2 resolution duly certified to the Fund delegates them to some
- 3 other officer or employee.
- 4 (d) The delivery of any communication or document by an
- 5 employee or a municipality to the authorized agent of the
- 6 municipality does not constitute delivery to the Fund.
- 7 (40 ILCS 5/3-105) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 3-105)
- 8 Sec. 3-105. Board. "Board": Until January 1, 2021, the The
- 9 board of trustees of the police pension fund of a municipality
- as established in subsection (a) of Section 3-128.
- Beginning January 1, 2021, the Board of Trustees of the
- 12 Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund; depending on the context,
- 13 the term may include the former board of trustees of one or
- more of those previously established pension funds.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 83-1440.)
- 16 (40 ILCS 5/3-108.2)
- 17 Sec. 3-108.2. Participant. "Participant": A police officer
- 18 or deferred pensioner of the Fund a pension fund, or a
- 19 beneficiary of the Fund pension fund.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 90-507, eff. 8-22-97.)
- 21 (40 ILCS 5/3-108.3)
- Sec. 3-108.3. Beneficiary. "Beneficiary": A person
- 23 receiving benefits from the Fund a pension fund, including, but

not limited to, retired pensioners, disabled pensioners, their 1 2 surviving spouses, minor children, disabled children, and 3 dependent parents. If a special needs trust as described in Section 1396p(d)(4) of Title 42 of the United States Code, as 4 5 amended from time to time, has been established for a disabled adult child, then the special needs trust may stand in lieu of 6 7 the disabled adult child as a beneficiary for the purposes of 8 this Article.

- 9 (Source: P.A. 96-1143, eff. 7-21-10.)
- 10 (40 ILCS 5/3-110) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 3-110)
- 11 Sec. 3-110. Creditable service.
- 12 (a) "Creditable service" is the time served by a police 1.3 officer as a member of a regularly constituted police force of a municipality. In computing creditable service furloughs 14 without pay exceeding 30 days shall not be counted, but all 15 16 leaves of absence for illness or accident, regardless of length, and all periods of disability retirement for which a 17 police officer has received no disability pension payments 18 19 under this Article shall be counted.
- 20 <u>(a-3) Upon the consolidation of the police pension funds</u>
 21 <u>under this Article into the Fund on January 1, 2021, creditable</u>
 22 <u>service under any such pension fund shall be deemed to be</u>
 23 <u>creditable service in the Fund, subject to the following</u>
 24 provisions:
- 25 (1) The consolidation of police pension funds into the

Fund shall not result in the duplication of any service credit based on the same period of service in this or any other pension fund or retirement system subject to this Code.

- Article imposes a limit on the amount of creditable service that may be established for a particular activity or purpose and prior to consolidation a police officer has established periods of creditable service for that activity or purpose in more than one former police pension fund under this Article, which periods are within that limitation for each such fund but together exceed that limitation, then upon consolidation all such credit previously established by the police officer shall be preserved under the Fund, but no additional creditable service for that activity or purpose may be established by that police officer in the Fund.
- (3) The consolidation of police pension funds into the Fund shall not entitle any person or pension fund to a refund of any contribution or payment previously paid or transferred in order to establish or transfer creditable service under this Article.
- (a-5) Up to 3 years of time during which the police officer receives a disability pension under Section 3-114.1, 3-114.2, 3-114.3, or 3-114.6 shall be counted as creditable service, provided that (i) the police officer returns to active service

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after the disability for a period at least equal to the period for which credit is to be established and (ii) the police officer makes contributions to the Fund fund based on the rates specified in Section 3-125.1 and the salary upon which the disability pension is based. These contributions may be paid at any time prior to the commencement of a retirement pension. The police officer may, but need not, elect to have contributions deducted from the disability pension or to pay them in installments on a schedule approved by the board. If not deducted from the disability pension, the contributions shall include interest at the rate of 6% per year, compounded annually, from the date for which service credit is being established to the date of payment. If contributions are paid under this subsection (a-5) in excess of those needed to establish the credit, the excess shall be refunded. This subsection (a-5) applies to persons receiving a disability pension under Section 3-114.1, 3-114.2, 3-114.3, or 3-114.6 on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly, as well as persons who begin to receive such a disability pension after that date.

(b) Creditable service includes all periods of service in the military, naval or air forces of the United States entered upon while an active police officer of a municipality, provided that upon applying for a permanent pension, and in accordance with the rules of the board, the police officer pays into the Fund fund the amount the officer would have contributed if he

or she had been a regular contributor during such period, to the extent that the municipality which the police officer served has not made such contributions in the officer's behalf. The total amount of such creditable service shall not exceed 5 years, except that any police officer who on July 1, 1973 had more than 5 years of such creditable service shall receive the total amount thereof.

(b-5) Creditable service includes all periods of service in the military, naval, or air forces of the United States entered upon before beginning service as an active police officer of a municipality, provided that, in accordance with the rules of the board, the police officer pays into the <u>Fund fund</u> the amount the police officer would have contributed if he or she had been a regular contributor during such period, plus an amount determined by the Board to be equal to the municipality's normal cost of the benefit, plus interest at the actuarially assumed rate calculated from the date the employee last became a police officer under this Article. The total amount of such creditable service shall not exceed 2 years.

(c) Creditable service also includes service rendered by a police officer while on leave of absence from a police department to serve as an executive of an organization whose membership consists of members of a police department, subject to the following conditions: (i) the police officer is a participant of the Fund a fund established under this Article with at least 10 years of service as a police officer; (ii) the

police officer received no credit for such service under any other retirement system, pension fund, or annuity and benefit fund included in this Code; (iii) pursuant to the rules of the board the police officer pays to the <u>Fund fund</u> the amount he or she would have contributed had the officer been an active member of the police department; (iv) the organization pays a contribution equal to the municipality's normal cost for that period of service; and (v) for all leaves of absence under this subsection (c), including those beginning before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, the police officer continues to remain in sworn status, subject to the professional standards of the public employer or those terms established in statute.

- (d) (1) Creditable service also includes periods of service originally established in another police pension fund under this Article or in the Fund established under Article 7 of this Code for which (i) the contributions have been transferred under Section 3-110.7 or Section 7-139.9 and (ii) any additional contribution required under paragraph (2) of this subsection has been paid in full in accordance with the requirements of this subsection (d).
- (2) If the board of the pension fund to which creditable service and related contributions are transferred under Section 7-139.9 determines that the amount transferred is less than the true cost to the pension fund of allowing that creditable service to be

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established, then in order to establish that creditable service the police officer must pay to the pension fund, within the payment period specified in paragraph (3) of this subsection, an additional contribution equal to the difference, as determined by the board in accordance with the rules and procedures adopted under paragraph (6) of this subsection. If the board of the pension fund to which creditable service and related contributions are transferred under Section 3-110.7 determines that amount transferred is less than the true cost to the pension fund of allowing that creditable service to be established, then the police officer may elect (A) to establish that creditable service by paying to the pension fund, within the payment period specified in paragraph (3) of this subsection (d), an additional contribution equal to the difference, as determined by the board in accordance with the rules and procedures adopted under paragraph (6) of this subsection (d) or (B) to have his or her creditable service reduced by an amount equal to the difference between the amount transferred under Section 3-110.7 and true cost to the pension fund of allowing that creditable service to be established, as determined by the board in accordance with the rules and procedures adopted under paragraph (6) of this subsection (d).

(3) Except as provided in paragraph (4), the additional contribution that is required or elected under paragraph

- (2) of this subsection (d) must be paid to the board (i) within 5 years from the date of the transfer of contributions under Section 3-110.7 or 7-139.9 and (ii) before the police officer terminates service with the fund. The additional contribution may be paid in a lump sum or in accordance with a schedule of installment payments authorized by the board.
- (4) If the police officer dies in service before payment in full has been made and before the expiration of the 5-year payment period, the surviving spouse of the officer may elect to pay the unpaid amount on the officer's behalf within 6 months after the date of death, in which case the creditable service shall be granted as though the deceased police officer had paid the remaining balance on the day before the date of death.
- (5) If the additional contribution that is required or elected under paragraph (2) of this subsection (d) is not paid in full within the required time, the creditable service shall not be granted and the police officer (or the officer's surviving spouse or estate) shall be entitled to receive a refund of (i) any partial payment of the additional contribution that has been made by the police officer and (ii) those portions of the amounts transferred under subdivision (a)(1) of Section 3-110.7 or subdivisions (a)(1) and (a)(3) of Section 7-139.9 that represent employee contributions paid by the police

officer (but not the accumulated interest on those contributions) and interest paid by the police officer to the prior pension fund in order to reinstate service terminated by acceptance of a refund.

At the time of paying a refund under this item (5), the pension fund shall also repay to the pension fund from which the contributions were transferred under Section 3-110.7 or 7-139.9 the amount originally transferred under subdivision (a)(2) of that Section, plus interest at the rate of 6% per year, compounded annually, from the date of the original transfer to the date of repayment. Amounts repaid to the Article 7 fund under this provision shall be credited to the appropriate municipality.

Transferred credit that is not granted due to failure to pay the additional contribution within the required time is lost; it may not be transferred to another pension fund and may not be reinstated in the pension fund from which it was transferred.

(6) The Public Employee Pension Fund Division of the Department of Insurance shall establish by rule the manner of making the calculation required under paragraph (2) of this subsection, taking into account the appropriate actuarial assumptions; the police officer's service, age, and salary history; the level of funding of the pension fund to which the credits are being transferred; and any other factors that the Division determines to be relevant.

The rules may require that all calculations made under paragraph (2) be reported to the Division by the board performing the calculation, together with documentation of the creditable service to be transferred, the amounts of contributions and interest to be transferred, the manner in which the calculation was performed, the numbers relied upon in making the calculation, the results of the calculation, and any other information the Division may deem useful.

- (e) (1) Creditable service also includes periods of service originally established in the Fund established under Article 7 of this Code for which the contributions have been transferred under Section 7-139.11.
- (2) If the board of the pension fund to which creditable service and related contributions are transferred under Section 7-139.11 determines that the amount transferred is less than the true cost to the pension fund of allowing that creditable service to be established, then the amount of creditable service the police officer may establish under this subsection (e) shall be reduced by an amount equal to the difference, as determined by the board in accordance with the rules and procedures adopted under paragraph (3) of this subsection.
- (3) The Public Pension Division of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall establish by rule the manner of making the calculation required under

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paragraph (2) of this subsection, taking into account the appropriate actuarial assumptions; the police officer's service, age, and salary history; the level of funding of pension fund to which the credits are transferred; and any other factors that the Division determines to be relevant. The rules may require that all calculations made under paragraph (2) be reported to the Division by the board performing the calculation, together with documentation of the creditable service to transferred, the amounts of contributions and interest to be transferred, the manner in which the calculation was performed, the numbers relied upon in making the calculation, the results of the calculation, and any other information the Division may deem useful.

(4) Until January 1, 2010, a police officer who transferred service from the Fund established under Article 7 of this Code under the provisions of Public Act 94-356 may establish additional credit, but only for the amount of the service credit reduction in that transfer, as calculated under paragraph (3) of this subsection (e). This credit may be established upon payment by the police officer of an amount to be determined by the board, equal to (1) the amount that would have been contributed as employee and employer contributions had all of the service been as an employee under this Article, plus interest thereon at the rate of 6% per year, compounded annually

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the total amount transferred from the Article 7 Fund, plus

(3) interest on the difference at the rate of 6% per year,
compounded annually, from the date of the transfer to the
date of payment. The additional service credit is allowed
under this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly
notwithstanding the provisions of Article 7 terminating
all transferred credits on the date of transfer.

- 9 (Source: P.A. 96-297, eff. 8-11-09; 96-1260, eff. 7-23-10; 10 97-651, eff. 1-5-12.)
- 11 (40 ILCS 5/3-110.7)
- 12 Sec. 3-110.7. Transfer between Article 3 funds.
 - (a) <u>Until January 1, 2021 (the consolidation date)</u>, an An active member of a pension fund established under this Article may apply for transfer to that fund of his or her creditable service and related contributions accumulated in any other police pension fund established under this Article, except that a police officer may not transfer creditable service under this Section from a pension fund unless (i) the police officer actively served in the police department under that fund for at least 2 years, (ii) the police officer actively served in the police department under that fund for less than 2 years but was laid off or otherwise involuntarily terminated for a reason other than the fault of the officer, or (iii) the police officer was not in service in the police department under that

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- fund on or after the effective date of this Section. Upon receiving the application, that other pension fund shall transfer to the pension fund in which the applicant currently
 - (1) the amounts actually contributed by or on behalf of the applicant to the fund as employee contributions (including any interest paid by the applicant in order to reinstate service), plus interest on those amounts at the rate of 6% per year, compounded annually, from the date of contribution to the date of transfer; plus
- 11 (2) an amount representing employer contributions,
 12 equal to the total amount determined under subdivision (1).
 13 Participation in that other pension fund shall terminate on the
 14 date of transfer.
 - (b) An active member of the Fund a pension fund established under this Article may reinstate in the Fund service in any other pension fund established under this Article that was terminated by receipt of a refund, by paying to the Fund that other pension fund the amount of the refund plus interest thereon at the rate of 6% per year, compounded annually, from the date of refund to the date of payment.
- 22 (Source: P.A. 90-460, eff. 8-17-97.)

participates an amount equal to:

- 23 (40 ILCS 5/3-125) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 3-125)
- Sec. 3-125. Financing; tax.
- 25 (a) The governing body city council or the board of

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trustees of a participating the municipality shall annually levy a tax upon all the taxable property of the municipality at the rate on the dollar which will produce an amount which, when added to the deductions from the salaries or wages of police officers, and revenues available from other sources, will equal a sum sufficient to meet the annual requirements of the account of the participating municipality police pension fund. The annual requirements to be provided by such tax levy are equal to (1) the normal cost of benefits attributable to the participating municipality and its police officers, as determined by an enrolled actuary employed by the Fund, the pension fund for the year involved, plus (2) an amount sufficient to bring the total assets of the account of the participating municipality pension fund up to 90% of the total actuarial liabilities of the account of the participating municipality pension fund by the end of municipal fiscal year 2040, as annually updated and determined by an enrolled actuary employed by the Fund Illinois Department of Insurance or by an enrolled actuary retained by the pension fund or the municipality. In making these determinations, the required minimum employer contribution shall be calculated each year as a level percentage of payroll over the years remaining up to and including fiscal year 2040 and shall be determined under the projected unit credit actuarial cost method. The tax shall be levied and collected in the same manner as the general taxes of the municipality, and in addition to all other taxes now or

- hereafter authorized to be levied upon all property within the municipality, and shall be in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general purposes as provided by Section 8-3-1 of the Illinois Municipal Code, approved May 29, 1961, as amended. The tax shall be forwarded directly to the treasurer of the board within 30 business days after receipt by the county.
 - (b) For purposes of determining the required employer contribution to the Fund a pension fund, the value of the pension fund's assets of the account of the participating municipality shall be equal to the actuarial value of the pension fund's assets of the account of the participating municipality, which shall be calculated as follows:
 - (1) (Blank). On March 30, 2011, the actuarial value of a pension fund's assets shall be equal to the market value of the assets as of that date.
 - (2) In determining the actuarial value of the System's assets of the account of the participating municipality for fiscal years after March 30, 2011, any actuarial gains or losses from investment return incurred in a fiscal year shall be recognized in equal annual amounts over the 5-year period following that fiscal year.
 - (c) If a participating municipality fails to transmit to the $\underline{\text{Fund}}$ fund contributions required of it under this Article for more than 90 days after the payment of those contributions is due, the $\underline{\text{Fund}}$ fund may, after giving notice to the

municipality, certify to the State Comptroller the amounts of the delinquent payments in accordance with any applicable rules of the Comptroller, and the Comptroller must, beginning in fiscal year 2016, deduct and remit to the <u>Fund</u>, for credit to the account of the participating municipality, <u>fund</u> the certified amounts or a portion of those amounts from the following proportions of payments of State funds to the municipality:

- (1) in fiscal year 2016, one-third of the total amount of any payments of State funds to the municipality;
- (2) in fiscal year 2017, two-thirds of the total amount of any payments of State funds to the municipality; and
- (3) in fiscal year 2018 and each fiscal year thereafter, the total amount of any payments of State funds to the municipality.

The State Comptroller may not deduct from any payments of State funds to the municipality more than the amount of delinquent payments certified to the State Comptroller by the $\underline{\text{Fund}}$ fund.

- (d) (Blank). The police pension fund shall consist of the following moneys which shall be set apart by the treasurer of the municipality:
- 23 (1) All moneys derived from the taxes levied hereunder;
- 24 (2) Contributions by police officers under Section
- 25 3-125.1;
- 26 (3) All moneys accumulated by the municipality under

1	any previous legislation establishing a fund for the
2	benefit of disabled or retired police officers;
3	(4) Donations, gifts or other transfers authorized by
4	this Article.
5	(e) (Blank). The Commission on Government Forecasting and
6	Accountability shall conduct a study of all funds established
7	under this Article and shall report its findings to the General
8	Assembly on or before January 1, 2013. To the fullest extent
9	possible, the study shall include, but not be limited to, the
10	following:
11	(1) fund balances;
12	(2) historical employer contribution rates for each
13	fund;
14	(3) the actuarial formulas used as a basis for employer
15	contributions, including the actual assumed rate of return
16	for each year, for each fund;
17	(4) available contribution funding sources;
18	(5) the impact of any revenue limitations caused by
19	PTELL and employer home rule or non home rule status; and
20	(6) existing statutory funding compliance procedures
21	and funding enforcement mechanisms for all municipal
22	pension funds.
23	(Source: P.A. 99-8, eff. 7-9-15.)
24	(40 ILCS 5/3-125.1) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 3-125.1)
25	Sec. 3-125.1. Contributions by police officers. Each

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police officer shall contribute to the Fund pension fund the 1 2 following percentages of salary for the periods stated: Beginning July 1, 1909 and prior to July 23, 1943, 1% (except 3 4 that prior to July 1, 1921 not more than one dollar per month 5 shall be deducted, and except that beginning July 1, 1921 and 6 prior to July 1, 1927 not more than \$2 per month shall be 7 deducted); beginning July 23, 1943 and prior to July 20, 1949, 3%; beginning July 20, 1949 and prior to July 17, 1959, 5%; 8 9 beginning July 17, 1959 and prior to July 1, 1971, 7%; beginning July 1, 1971 and prior to July 1, 1975, 7 1/2%; 10 11 beginning July 1, 1975 and prior to January 1, 1987, 8 1/2%; 12 beginning January 1, 1987 and prior to January 1, 2001, 9%; and 13 beginning January 1, 2001, 9.91%. Such sums shall be paid or deducted monthly. Contribution to the self-managed plan shall 14 be no less than 10% of salarv. 15 16

"Salary" means the annual salary, including longevity, attached to the police officer's rank, as established by the municipality's appropriation ordinance, including any compensation for overtime which is included in the salary so established, but excluding any "overtime pay", "holiday pay", "bonus pay", "merit pay", or any other cash benefit not included in the salary so established.

23 (Source: P.A. 91-939, eff. 2-1-01.)

24 (40 ILCS 5/3-128) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 3-128)

25 Sec. 3-128. Board created.

- 1 (a) This subsection (a) applies until January 1, 2021.
- 2 A board of 5 members shall constitute a board of trustees to
- 3 administer the pension fund and to designate the beneficiaries
- 4 thereof. The board shall be known as the "Board of Trustees of
- 5 the Police Pension Fund" of the municipality.
- Two members of the board shall be appointed by the mayor or
- 7 president of the board of trustees of the municipality
- 8 involved. The 3rd and 4th members of the board shall be elected
- 9 from the active participants of the pension fund by such active
- 10 participants. The 5th member shall be elected by and from the
- 11 beneficiaries.
- One of the members appointed by the mayor or president of
- the board of trustees shall serve for one year beginning on the
- 2nd Tuesday in May after the municipality comes under this
- 15 Article. The other appointed member shall serve for 2 years
- 16 beginning on the same date. Their successors shall serve for 2
- 17 years each or until their successors are appointed and
- 18 qualified.
- 19 (b) The members of the boards of trustees serving on
- 20 December 31, 2020 may continue to exercise the powers of that
- office until March 1, 2021 for the sole purpose of assisting in
- 22 the consolidation of their respective pension funds, but
- 23 subject to the supervision and requirements of the Transition
- 24 Board and the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.
- 25 (c) Beginning January 1, 2021, the Board of Trustees of the
- 26 <u>Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund shall assume the duties of</u>

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The election for board members shall be held biennially on the 3rd Monday in April, at such place or places in the municipality and under the Australian ballot system and such other regulations as shall be prescribed by the appointed members of the board.

The active pension fund participants shall be entitled to vote only for the active participant members of the board. All beneficiaries of legal age may vote only for the member chosen from among the beneficiaries. No person shall be entitled to cast more than one ballot at such election. The term of elected members shall be 2 years, beginning on the 2nd Tuesday of the first May after the election.

Upon the death, resignation or inability to act of any elected board member, his or her successor shall be elected for the unexpired term at a special election, to be called by the board and conducted in the same manner as the regular biennial election.

Members of the board shall neither receive nor have any right to receive any salary from the pension fund for services performed as trustees in that office.

(Source: P.A. 83-1440.)

(40 ILCS 5/3-134) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 3-134) 23

> Sec. 3-134. To submit annual list of Fund fund payments. To submit annually to the governing body of each participating

municipality eity council or board of trustees at the close of the municipality's fiscal year, a list of persons entitled to payments from the Fund that are chargeable to the account of the participating municipality fund, stating the amount of payments, and their purpose, as ordered by the Board board. It shall also include items of income accrued to the account of the participating municipality fund during the fiscal year. The list shall be signed by the secretary and president of the Board board, and attested under oath. A resolution or order for the payment of money shall not be valid unless approved by a majority of the Board board members, and signed by the president and secretary of the Board board.

13 (Source: P.A. 83-1440.)

14 (40 ILCS 5/3-135) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 3-135)

Sec. 3-135. To invest funds. To determine the limitations on the amounts of cash to be invested in order to maintain such cash balances as may be deemed advisable to meet current annuity, benefit, and expense requirements, and to invest the remaining available cash in securities, in accordance with the prudent person investment rule and the other provisions of this Article. Beginning on the consolidation date, the Article 1 and 1A restrictions on the investment of Article 3 Funds no longer apply, except to the extent that they do not also apply to Article 7 of this Code. Beginning January 1, 1998, the board shall invest funds in accordance with Sections 1 113.1 through

- 1 $\frac{1-113.10 \text{ of this Code.}}{1}$
- 2 (Source: P.A. 90-507, eff. 8-22-97.)
- 3 (40 ILCS 5/3-141) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 3-141)
- Sec. 3-141. Annual report by treasurer. On the 2nd Tuesday 4 5 in May annually through 2021, the treasurer of the municipality and all other officials of the municipality who had the custody 6 7 of any pension funds herein provided, shall make a sworn 8 statement to the pension board, and to the mayor and council or 9 president and board of trustees of the municipality, of all 10 moneys received and paid out by them on account of the pension 11 fund during the year, and of the amount of funds then on hand 12 and owing to the pension fund. The final report required under this subsection shall be due in May of 2021 and shall include 1.3 the period up to and including the consolidation of the 14 15 municipality's pension fund into the Fund. All surplus then 16 remaining with any official other than the treasurer shall be paid to the treasurer of the municipality or as directed by the 17 18 Board. Upon demand of the Board pension board, any official 19 shall furnish a statement relative to the official method of collection or handling of the pension funds. All books and 20 21 records of that official shall be produced at any time by him 22 for examination and inspection by the Board board.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 83-1440.)
- 24 (40 ILCS 5/3-141a new)

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3-141a. Termination of participation participating municipality. If a participating municipality terminates participation because it fails to meet the requirements of Section 3-103, it shall pay to the Fund the amount equal to any net debit balance in its municipality account and any account receivable. Its successors, assigns, and transferees of its assets shall be obligated to make this payment to the extent of the value of assets transferred to them. The Fund shall pay an amount equal to any net credit balance to the participating municipality, its successors or assigns. Any remaining net debit or credit balance not collectible or payable shall be transferred to a terminated municipality reserve account. The Fund shall pay to each police officer of the participating municipality an amount equal to his or her credits in the employee reserves. The employees shall have no further rights to any benefits from the Fund, except that annuities awarded prior to the date of termination shall continue to be paid.

19 (40 ILCS 5/3-141b new)

Sec. 3-141b. Authorizations.

(a) Each participating municipality shall:

(1) deduct all normal and additional contributions

from each payment of earnings payable to each participating

employee who is entitled to any earnings from the

municipality, and remit all normal and additional

- 1 contributions immediately to the Board; and
- 2 (2) pay to the Board contributions required by this
- 3 Article.
- 4 (b) Each participating employee shall, by virtue of the
- 5 payment of contributions to this Fund, receive a vested
- 6 interest in the annuities and benefits provided in this Article
- 7 and in consideration of such vested interest shall be deemed to
- 8 have agreed and authorized the deduction from earnings of all
- 9 contributions payable to this Fund in accordance with this
- 10 Article.
- 11 (c) Payment of earnings less the amounts of contributions
- 12 provided in this Article shall be a full and complete discharge
- of all claims for payment for services rendered by any employee
- during the period covered by any such payment.
- 15 (40 ILCS 5/4-102.1 new)
- Sec. 4-102.1. Fund. "Fund" or "pension fund": Until January
- 17 1, 2021, a firefighters' pension fund established by a
- 18 municipality under this Article.
- Beginning January 1, 2021, "Fund" or "pension fund" means
- 20 the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund with respect to this
- 21 Article; depending on the context, the terms may include one or
- 22 more of those previously established pension funds.
- 23 (40 ILCS 5/4-103) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 4-103)
- Sec. 4-103. Municipality; participating municipality;

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- 1 governing body.
- 2 (a) "Municipality": (1) Any city, township, village or incorporated town of 5,000 or more but less than 500,000 4 inhabitants, and any fire protection district having any 5 full-time paid firefighters, and (2) any city, village, 6 incorporated town or township of less than 5,000 inhabitants 7 having a full-time paid fire department which adopts the provisions of this Article article pursuant to the provisions
- 10 <u>(b) The term "participating municipality" means a</u>
 11 <u>municipality, as defined in subsection (a), that both is</u>
 12 <u>required (or has elected) to and does in fact participate in</u>
 13 the Fund with respect to its firefighters under this Article.
 - (c) The term "governing body", "city council", or "board of trustees" includes the board of trustees of a fire protection district and the board of town trustees or other persons empowered to draft the tentative budget and appropriation ordinance and the electors of such a township acting at the annual or special meeting of town electors.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 83-1440.)

of Section 4-141.

- 21 (40 ILCS 5/4-105) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 4-105)
- Sec. 4-105. Board. "Board": <u>Until January 1, 2021, the The</u>
 "Board of Trustees of the Firefighters' Pension Fund" of a
 municipality as established in subsection (a) of Section 4-121.
- Beginning January 1, 2021, the Board of Trustees of the

- 1 <u>Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund; depending on the context,</u>
- 2 the term may include the former board of trustees of one or
- 3 more of those previously established pension funds.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 83-1440.)
- 5 (40 ILCS 5/4-105c)
- 6 Sec. 4-105c. Participant. "Participant": A firefighter or
- 7 deferred pensioner of the Fund a pension fund, or a beneficiary
- 8 of the Fund pension fund.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 90-507, eff. 8-22-97.)
- 10 (40 ILCS 5/4-105d)
- 11 Sec. 4-105d. Beneficiary. "Beneficiary": A person
- 12 receiving benefits from the Fund a pension fund, including, but
- 13 not limited to, retired pensioners, disabled pensioners, their
- 14 surviving spouses, minor children, disabled children, and
- dependent parents.
- 16 (Source: P.A. 90-507, eff. 8-22-97.)
- 17 (40 ILCS 5/4-106.5 new)
- 18 Sec. 4-106.5. Authorized agent of a participating
- 19 municipality.
- 20 (a) Each participating municipality shall appoint an
- 21 authorized agent who shall have the powers and duties set forth
- in this Section. In the absence of such an appointment, the
- 23 duties of the authorized agent shall devolve upon the clerk or

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1	secretary of the municipality. The authorized agent may be the
2	same person appointed as the authorized agent under Section
3	<u>7-135.</u>
4	(b) The authorized agent of the municipality shall have the
5	following powers and duties:
6	(1) To certify to the Fund whether or not a given
7	person is authorized to participate in the Fund.
8	(2) To certify to the Fund when a participating
9	employee is on a leave of absence authorized by the
10	municipality.
11	(3) To request the proper officer to cause employee
12	contributions to be withheld from salary and promptly
13	transmitted to the Fund.
14	(4) To request the proper officer to cause municipality
15	contributions to be promptly forwarded to the Fund.
16	(5) To forward promptly to all participating employees
17	any communications for such employees from the Fund or the
18	municipality.
19	(6) To forward promptly to the Board of the Fund all
20	applications, claims reports, and other communications
21	delivered to the agent by participating employees.
22	(7) To perform all duties related to the administration
23	of the Fund as requested by the Fund or the governing body
24	of the municipality.
25	(c) The governing body of each participating municipality
26	may delegate either or both of the following powers to its

_	authorized	agent:

- 2 (1) To file a petition for nomination of an executive 3 trustee of the Fund.
- 4 (2) To cast the ballot for election of an executive 5 trustee of the Fund.
- If a governing body does not authorize its agent to perform 6 7 the powers set forth in this Section, they shall be performed by the governing body itself, unless the governing body by 8 9 resolution duly certified to the Fund delegates them to some other officer or employee. 10
- 11 (d) The delivery of any communication or document by an 12 employee or a municipality to the authorized agent of the municipality does not constitute delivery to the Fund. 13
- (40 ILCS 5/4-108) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 4-108) 14
- 15 Sec. 4-108. Creditable service.
- 16 (a) Creditable service is the time served as a firefighter of a municipality. In computing creditable service, furloughs 17 and leaves of absence without pay exceeding 30 days in any one 18 year shall not be counted, but leaves of absence for illness or 19 accident regardless of length, and periods of disability for 20 21 which a firefighter received no disability pension payments 22 under this Article, shall be counted.
- 23 (a-5) Upon the consolidation of the firefighters' pension 24 funds under this Article into the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund on January 1, 2021, creditable service under any 25

firefighters' pension fund shall be deemed to be creditable
service in the Fund, subject to the following provisions:

- (1) The consolidation of firefighters' pension funds into the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund shall not result in the duplication of any service credit based on the same period of service in this or any other pension fund or retirement system subject to this Code.
- Article imposes a limit on the amount of creditable service that may be established for a particular activity or purpose, and prior to consolidation a firefighter has established periods of creditable service for that activity or purpose in more than one former firefighters' pension fund under this Article, which periods are within that limitation for each such fund but together exceed that limitation, then upon consolidation all such credit previously established by the firefighter shall be preserved under the Fund, but no additional creditable service for that activity or purpose may be established by that firefighter in the Fund.
- (3) The consolidation of firefighters' pension funds into the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund shall not entitle any person or pension fund to a refund of any contribution or payment previously paid or transferred in order to establish or transfer creditable service under this Article.

(b) Furloughs and leaves of absence of 30 days or less in any one year may be counted as creditable service, if the firefighter makes the contribution to the <u>Fund fund</u> that would have been required had he or she not been on furlough or leave of absence. To qualify for this creditable service, the firefighter must pay the required contributions to the <u>Fund fund</u> not more than 90 days subsequent to the termination of the furlough or leave of absence, to the extent that the municipality has not made such contribution on his or her behalf.

(c) Creditable service includes:

- (1) Service in the military, naval or air forces of the United States entered upon when the person was an active firefighter, provided that, upon applying for a permanent pension, and in accordance with the rules of the board the firefighter pays into the Fund fund the amount that would have been contributed had he or she been a regular contributor during such period of service, if and to the extent that the municipality which the firefighter served made no such contributions in his or her behalf. The total amount of such creditable service shall not exceed 5 years, except that any firefighter who on July 1, 1973 had more than 5 years of such creditable service shall receive the total amount thereof as of that date.
- (1.5) Up to 24 months of service in the military, naval, or air forces of the United States that was served

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prior to employment by a municipality or fire protection district as a firefighter. To receive the credit for the military service prior to the employment as a firefighter, the firefighter must apply in writing to the Fund fund and must make contributions to the Fund fund equal to (i) the employee contributions that would have been required had the service been rendered as a member, plus (ii) an amount determined by the Fund fund to be equal to the employer's normal cost of the benefits accrued for that military service, plus (iii) interest at the prescribed rate actuarially assumed rate provided by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, compounded annually from the first date of membership in the Fund fund to the date of payment on items (i) and (ii). The changes to this paragraph (1.5) made by Public Act 95-1056 this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly apply only to participating employees in service on or after April 10, 2009 (its effective date).

- (2) Service prior to July 1, 1976 by a firefighter initially excluded from participation by reason of age who elected to participate and paid the required contributions for such service.
- (3) Up to 8 years of service by a firefighter as an officer in a statewide firefighters' association when he is on a leave of absence from a municipality's payroll, provided that (i) the firefighter has at least 10 years of

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creditable service as an active firefighter, (ii) the firefighter contributes to the Fund fund the amount that he would have contributed had he remained an active member of the Fund fund, (iii) the employee or statewide firefighter association contributes to the Fund fund an amount equal to the employer's required contribution as determined by the board, and (iv) for all leaves of absence under this subdivision (3), including those beginning before January 5, 2012 (the effective date of Public Act 97-651) this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, the firefighter continues to remain in sworn status, subject to the professional standards of the public employer or those terms established in statute.

Time on-call fireman (4)spent as an municipality, calculated at the rate of one year of creditable service for each 5 years of time spent as an on-call fireman, provided that (i) the firefighter has at least 18 years of creditable service as an active firefighter, (ii) the firefighter spent at least 14 years as an on-call firefighter for the municipality, (iii) the firefighter applies for such creditable service within 30 days after August 23, 1989 (the effective date of Public Act 86-273) this amendatory Act of 1989, (iv) the firefighter contributes to the Fund an amount representing employee contributions for the number of years of creditable service granted under this subdivision (4),

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based on the salary and contribution rate in effect for the firefighter at the date of entry into the Fund, to be determined by the board, and (v) not more than 3 years of creditable service may be granted under this subdivision (4).

Except as provided in Section 4-108.5, creditable service shall not include time spent as a volunteer firefighter, whether or not any compensation was received therefor. The change made in this Section by Public Act 83-0463 is intended to be a restatement and clarification of existing law, and does not imply that creditable service was previously allowed under this Article for time spent as a volunteer firefighter.

(5) Time served between July 1, 1976 and July 1, 1988 in the position of protective inspection officer or administrative assistant for fire services, municipality with a population under 10,000 that is located in a county with a population over 3,000,000 and that maintains a firefighters' pension fund under this Article, if the position included firefighting duties, notwithstanding that the person may not have held an appointment as a firefighter, provided that application is made to the pension fund within 30 days after November 19, 1991 (the effective date of Public Act 87-794) this amendatory Act of 1991, and the corresponding contributions are paid for the number of years of service

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granted, based upon the salary and contribution rate in effect for the firefighter at the date of entry into the pension fund, as determined by the Board.

- (6) Service before becoming a participant by a firefighter initially excluded from participation by reason of age who becomes a participant under the amendment to Section 4-107 made by <u>Public Act 87-1265</u> this amendatory Act of 1993 and pays the required contributions for such service.
- (7) Up to 3 years of time during which the firefighter receives a disability pension under Section 4-110, 4-110.1, or 4-111, provided that (i) the firefighter returns to active service after the disability for a period at least equal to the period for which credit is to be established and (ii) the firefighter makes contributions to the Fund fund based on the rates specified in Section 4-118.1 and the salary upon which the disability pension is based. These contributions may be paid at any time prior to the commencement of a retirement pension. The firefighter may, but need not, elect to have the contributions deducted from the disability pension or to pay them in installments on a schedule approved by the board. If not deducted from the disability pension, the contributions shall include interest at the rate of 6% per year, compounded annually, from the date for which service credit is being established to the date of payment. If contributions are paid under

this subdivision (c)(7) in excess of those needed to establish the credit, the excess shall be refunded. This subdivision (c)(7) applies to persons receiving a disability pension under Section 4-110, 4-110.1, or 4-111 on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly, as well as persons who begin to receive such a disability pension after that date.

(8) Up to 6 years of service as a police officer and participant in the an Article 3 Fund with the participating municipality police pension fund administered by the unit of local government that employs the firefighter under this Article, provided that the service has been transferred to, and the required payment received by, the Article 4 Fund fund in accordance with Section 3-110.12 of this Code.

(Source: P.A. 100-544, eff. 11-8-17.)

16 (40 ILCS 5/4-118) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 4-118)

Sec. 4-118. Financing; tax.

(a) The governing body city council or the board of trustees of a participating the municipality shall annually levy a tax upon all the taxable property of the municipality at the rate on the dollar which will produce an amount which, when added to the deductions from the salaries or wages of firefighters and revenues available from other sources, will equal a sum sufficient to meet the annual actuarial requirements of the account of the participating municipality

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pension fund, as determined by an enrolled actuary employed by the Fund Illinois Department of Insurance or by an enrolled actuary retained by the pension fund or municipality. For the purposes of this Section, the annual actuarial requirements of the account of the participating municipality pension fund are equal to (1) the normal cost of benefits attributable to the participating municipality and its firefighters, as determined by an enrolled actuary employed by the Fund of the pension fund, or 17.5% of the salaries and wages to be paid to firefighters for the year involved, whichever is greater, plus (2) an annual amount sufficient to bring the total assets of the account of the participating municipality pension fund up to 90% of the total actuarial liabilities of the account of the participating municipality pension fund by the end of municipal fiscal year 2040, as annually updated and determined by an enrolled actuary employed by the Fund Illinois Department of Insurance or by an enrolled actuary retained by the pension fund or the municipality. In making these determinations, the required minimum employer contribution shall be calculated each year as a level percentage of payroll over the years remaining up to and including fiscal year 2040 and shall be determined under the projected unit credit actuarial cost method. The amount to be applied towards the amortization of the unfunded accrued liability in any year shall not be less than the annual amount required to amortize the unfunded accrued liability, including interest, as a level percentage of

payroll over the number of years remaining in the 40 year amortization period.

- (a-5) For purposes of determining the required employer contribution to the Fund a pension fund, the value of the pension fund's assets of the account of the participating municipality shall be equal to the actuarial value of the pension fund's assets of the account of the participating municipality, which shall be calculated as follows:
 - (1) (Blank). On March 30, 2011, the actuarial value of a pension fund's assets shall be equal to the market value of the assets as of that date.
 - (2) In determining the actuarial value of the pension fund's assets of the account of the participating municipality for fiscal years after March 30, 2011, any actuarial gains or losses from investment return incurred in a fiscal year shall be recognized in equal annual amounts over the 5-year period following that fiscal year.
- (b) The tax shall be levied and collected in the same manner as the general taxes of the municipality, and shall be in addition to all other taxes now or hereafter authorized to be levied upon all property within the municipality, and in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general purposes, under Section 8-3-1 of the Illinois Municipal Code or under Section 14 of the Fire Protection District Act. The tax shall be forwarded directly to the treasurer of the <u>Fund board</u> within 30 business days of receipt by the county (or, in the

- 1 case of amounts added to the tax levy under subsection (f),
- 2 used by the municipality to pay the employer contributions
- 3 required under subsection (b-1) of Section 15-155 of this
- 4 Code).
- 5 (b-5) If a participating municipality fails to transmit to
- 6 the <u>Fund</u> contributions required of it under this Article
- 7 for more than 90 days after the payment of those contributions
- 8 is due, the Fund fund may, after giving notice to the
- 9 municipality, certify to the State Comptroller the amounts of
- 10 the delinquent payments in accordance with any applicable rules
- of the Comptroller, and the Comptroller must, beginning in
- 12 fiscal year 2016, deduct and remit to the Fund, for credit to
- 13 the account of the participating municipality, fund the
- 14 certified amounts or a portion of those amounts from the
- 15 following proportions of payments of State funds to the
- 16 municipality:
- 17 (1) in fiscal year 2016, one-third of the total amount
- of any payments of State funds to the municipality;
- 19 (2) in fiscal year 2017, two-thirds of the total amount
- of any payments of State funds to the municipality; and
- 21 (3) in fiscal year 2018 and each fiscal year
- thereafter, the total amount of any payments of State funds
- 23 to the municipality.
- The State Comptroller may not deduct from any payments of
- 25 State funds to the municipality more than the amount of
- delinquent payments certified to the State Comptroller by the

<u>Fund</u> fund.

- (c) The $\underline{\text{Board}}$ shall make available to the membership and the general public for inspection and copying at reasonable times the most recent Actuarial Valuation Balance Sheet and Tax Levy Requirement issued to the $\underline{\text{Fund}}$ fund by the Department of Insurance.
- (d) (Blank). The firefighters' pension fund shall consist of the following moneys which shall be set apart by the treasurer of the municipality: (1) all moneys derived from the taxes levied hereunder; (2) contributions by firefighters as provided under Section 4-118.1; (3) all rewards in money, fees, gifts, and emoluments that may be paid or given for or on account of extraordinary service by the fire department or any member thereof, except when allowed to be retained by competitive awards; and (4) any money, real estate or personal property received by the board.
- (e) (Blank). For the purposes of this Section, "enrolled actuary" means an actuary: (1) who is a member of the Society of Actuaries or the American Academy of Actuaries; and (2) who is enrolled under Subtitle C of Title III of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, or who has been engaged in providing actuarial services to one or more public retirement systems for a period of at least 3 years as of July 1, 1983.
- (f) The corporate authorities of a municipality that employs a person who is described in subdivision (d) of Section

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1	4-106 may add to the tax levy otherwise provided for in this
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3	contributions required to be paid by the municipality to the
4	State Universities Retirement System under subsection (b-1) of
5	Section 15-155 of this Code.

(g) (Blank). The Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability shall conduct a study of all funds established under this Article and shall report its findings to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2013. To the fullest extent possible, the study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) fund balances;

13 (2) historical employer contribution 14 fund:

> (3) the actuarial formulas used as a basis for employer contributions, including the actual assumed rate of return for each year, for each fund;

(4) available contribution funding sources;

(5) the impact of any revenue limitations caused by PTELL and employer home rule or non-home rule status; and

(6) existing statutory funding compliance procedures and funding enforcement mechanisms for all municipal pension funds.

(Source: P.A. 99-8, eff. 7-9-15.) 24

25 (40 ILCS 5/4-118.1) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 4-118.1)

- 1 Sec. 4-118.1. Contributions by firefighters.
 - (a) Beginning January 1, 1976 and until August 6, 1999 (the effective date of Public Act 91-466) this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly, each firefighter shall contribute to the pension fund 6 3/4% of salary towards the cost of his or her pension. Beginning August 6, 1999 on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly, each firefighter shall contribute to the pension fund 6.955% of salary towards the cost of his or her pension.
 - (b) In addition, beginning January 1, 1976, each firefighter shall contribute 1% of salary toward the cost of the increase in pension provided in Section 4-109.1; beginning January 1, 1987, such contribution shall be 1.5% of salary; beginning July 1, 2004, the contribution shall be 2.5% of salary.
 - (c) Beginning on July 1, 2004 (the effective date of Public Act 93-689) this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, each firefighter who elects to receive a pension under Section 4-109.3 and who has participated in at least one other pension fund under this Article for a period of at least one year shall contribute an additional 1.0% of salary toward the cost of the increase in pensions provided in Section 4-109.3; except that beginning January 1, 2021, no additional contributions shall be paid under this subsection (c).

In the event that a firefighter does not elect to receive a retirement pension provided under Section 4-109.3 from one or

more of the pension funds <u>under this Article</u> in which the firefighter has credit, he or she shall, upon withdrawal from the last pension fund as defined in Section 4-109.3, be entitled to receive, from each such fund to which he or she has paid additional contributions under this subsection (c) and from which he or she does not receive a refund under Section 4-116, a refund of those contributions without interest. Beginning January 1, 2021, however, such refunds shall be payable from the Downstate Firefighters Pension Fund and chargeable to the appropriate municipal accounts and reserves.

A refund of total contributions to a particular firefighter pension fund under Section 4-116 shall include any refund of additional contributions paid to that fund under this subsection (c), but a firefighter who accepts a refund from a pension fund under Section 4-116 is thereafter ineligible to receive a pension provided under Section 4-109.3 from that fund. A firefighter who meets the eligibility requirements of Section 4-109.3 may receive a pension under Section 4-109.3 from any pension fund from which the firefighter has not received a refund under Section 4-116 or under this subsection (c); except that beginning January 1, 2021 (the consolidation date), such pensions shall be payable from the Downstate Firefighters Pension Fund as provided in Section 4-109.3 and chargeable to the appropriate municipal accounts and reserves.

(d) "Salary" means the annual salary, including longevity, attached to the firefighter's rank, as established by the

- 1 municipality appropriation ordinance, including any
- 2 compensation for overtime which is included in the salary so
- 3 established, but excluding any "overtime pay", "holiday pay",
- 4 "bonus pay", "merit pay", or any other cash benefit not
- 5 included in the salary so established.
- 6 (e) The contributions shall be deducted and withheld from
- 7 the salary of firefighters.
- 8 (Source: P.A. 93-689, eff. 7-1-04.)
- 9 (40 ILCS 5/4-121) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 4-121)
- 10 Sec. 4-121. Board created.
- 11 (a) This subsection (a) applies until January 1, 2021.
- 12 There is created in each municipality or fire protection
- district a board of trustees to be known as the "Board of
- 14 Trustees of the Firefighters' Pension Fund". The membership of
- 15 the board for each municipality shall be, respectively, as
- 16 follows: in cities, the treasurer, clerk, marshal or chief
- officer of the fire department, and the comptroller if there is
- one, or if not, the mayor; in each township, village or
- incorporated town, the president of the municipality's board of
- 20 trustees, the village or town clerk, village or town attorney,
- 21 village or town treasurer, and the chief officer of the fire
- department; and in each fire protection district, the president
- and other 2 members of its board of trustees and the marshal or
- 24 chief of its fire department or service, as the case may be;
- and in all the municipalities above designated 3 additional

persons chosen from their active firefighters and one other person who has retired under the Firemen's Pension Fund Act of 1919, or this Article. The Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, the term of office of each member of a board established on or before the 3rd Monday in April, 2006 shall terminate on the 3rd Monday in April, 2006, but all incumbent members shall continue to exercise all of the powers and be subject to all of the duties of a member of the board until all the new members of the board take office.

Beginning on the 3rd Monday in April, 2006 and until January 1, 2021, the board of trustees for each municipality or fire protection district shall consist of 5 members. Two members of the board shall be appointed by the mayor or president of the board of trustees of the municipality or fire protection district involved. Two members of the board shall be active participants of the pension fund who are elected from the active participants of the fund. One member of the board shall be a person who is retired under the Firemen's Pension Fund Act of 1919 or this Article who is elected from persons retired under the Firemen's Pension Fund Act of 1919 or this Article.

For the purposes of this Section, a firefighter receiving a disability pension shall be considered a retired firefighter. In the event that there are no retired firefighters under the Fund or if none is willing to serve on the board, then an additional active firefighter shall be elected to the board in

lieu of the retired firefighter that would otherwise be elected.

If the regularly constituted fire department of a municipality is dissolved and Section 4-106.1 is not applicable, the board shall continue to exist and administer the Fund so long as there continues to be any annuitant or deferred pensioner in the Fund. In such cases, elections shall continue to be held as specified in this Section, except that:

(1) deferred pensioners shall be deemed to be active members for the purposes of such elections; (2) any otherwise unfillable positions on the board, including ex officio positions, shall be filled by election from the remaining firefighters and deferred pensioners of the Fund, to the extent possible; and (3) if the membership of the board falls below 3 persons, the Illinois Director of Insurance or his designee shall be deemed a member of the board, ex officio.

(b) The members of the boards of trustees serving on December 31, 2020 may continue to exercise the powers of that office until March 1, 2021 for the sole purpose of assisting in the consolidation of their respective pension funds, but subject to the supervision and requirements of the Transition Board.

(c) Beginning January 1, 2021, the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund shall assume the duties of the former boards of trustees.

The members chosen from the active and retired firefighters

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shall be elected by ballot at elections to be held on the 3rd Monday in April of the applicable years under the Australian ballot system, at such place or places, in the municipality, and under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the board.

No person shall cast more than one vote for each candidate for whom he or she is eligible to vote. In the elections for board members to be chosen from the active firefighters, all active firefighters and no others may vote. In the elections for board members to be chosen from retired firefighters, the retired firefighters and no others may vote.

Each member of the board so elected shall hold office for a term of 3 years and until his or her successor has been duly elected and qualified.

The board shall canvage the ballots and declare which persons have been elected and for what term or terms respectively. In case of a tie vote between 2 or more candidates, the board shall determine by lot which candidate or candidates have been elected and for what term or terms respectively. In the event of the failure, resignation, or inability to act of any board member, a successor shall be elected for the unexpired term at a special election called by the board and conducted in the same manner as a regular election.

The board shall elect annually from its members a president and secretary.

Board members shall not receive or have any right to

- 1 receive any salary from a pension fund for services performed
- 2 as board members.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 100-201, eff. 8-18-17.)
- 4 (40 ILCS 5/4-124) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 4-124)
- 5 Sec. 4-124. To enforce contributions. To assess each
- 6 firefighter the contributions required under Section 4-118.1.
- 7 The contributions deducted from salaries, together with all
- 8 interest accruing thereon, shall be paid promptly placed by the
- 9 treasurer of the municipality as ex officio treasurer of the
- 10 board, to the Treasurer credit of the Fund pension fund,
- 11 subject to the order of the Board board.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 83-1440.)
- 13 (40 ILCS 5/4-128) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 4-128)
- 14 Sec. 4-128. To invest funds. To determine the limitations
- on the amounts of cash to be invested in order to maintain such
- 16 cash balances as may be deemed advisable to meet current
- 17 annuity, benefit, and expense requirements, and to invest the
- 18 remaining available cash in securities, in accordance with the
- 19 prudent person investment rule and the other provisions of this
- 20 Article. Beginning on the consolidation date, the Article 1 and
- 21 1A restrictions on the investment of Article 4 Funds no longer
- 22 apply, to the extent that they do not also apply to Article 7
- of this Code. Beginning January 1, 1998, the board shall invest
- 24 funds in accordance with Sections 1 113.1 through 1 113.10 of

- 1 this Code.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 90-507, eff. 8-22-97.)
- 3 (40 ILCS 5/4-130.1 new)
- 4 Sec. 4-130.1. Termination of participation by a participating municipality. If a participating municipality 5 6 terminates participation because it fails to meet the requirements of Section 3-103, it shall pay to the Fund the 7 8 amount equal to any net debit balance in its municipality 9 account and any account receivable. Its successors, assigns, 10 and transferees of its assets shall be obligated to make this 11 payment to the extent of the value of assets transferred to 12 them. The Fund shall pay an amount equal to any net credit 13 balance to the participating municipality, its successors or assigns. Any remaining net debit or credit balance not 14 15 collectible or payable shall be transferred to a terminated 16 municipality reserve account. The Fund shall pay to each firefighter of the participating municipality an amount equal 17 18 to his or her credits in the employee reserves. The employees shall have no further rights to any benefits from the Fund, 19 except that annuities awarded prior to the date of termination 20 21 shall continue to be paid.
- 22 (40 ILCS 5/4-130.3 new)
- Sec. 4-130.3. Authorizations.
- 24 (a) Each participating municipality shall:

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- 1 (1) Deduct all normal and additional contributions
 2 from each payment of earnings payable to each participating
 3 employee who is entitled to any earnings from the
 4 municipality, and remit all normal and additional
 5 contributions immediately to the Board; and
- 6 (2) Pay to the Board contributions required by this
 7 Article.
 - (b) Each participating employee shall, by virtue of the payment of contributions to this Fund, receive a vested interest in the annuities and benefits provided in this Article and in consideration of such vested interest shall be deemed to have agreed and authorized the deduction from earnings of all contributions payable to this Fund in accordance with this Article.
 - (c) Payment of earnings less the amounts of contributions provided in this Article shall be a full and complete discharge of all claims for payment for services rendered by any employee during the period covered by any such payment.
- 19 (40 ILCS 5/4-134) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 4-134)
- Sec. 4-134. Report for tax levy.
- 21 (a) The <u>Board board</u> shall report to the <u>governing body of</u>
 22 <u>each participating city council or board of trustees of the</u>
 23 municipality on the condition of the <u>Fund pension fund</u> at the
 24 end of its most recently completed fiscal year. The report
 25 shall be made prior to the council or board meeting held for

1	appropriating	and	levying	taxes	for	the	year	for	which	the
2	report is made									

The pension board in the report shall certify and provide the following information to the city council or board of trustees of the municipality:

- (1) the total assets of the fund and <u>the</u> their current market value of those assets;
- (2) the estimated receipts during the next succeeding fiscal year from deductions from the salaries or wages of firefighters, and from all other sources;
- (3) the estimated amount necessary during the fiscal year to meet the annual actuarial requirements of the pension fund as provided in Sections 4-118 and 4-120;
- (4) the total net income received from investment of assets along with the assumed investment return and actual investment return received by the <u>Fund fund</u> during its most recently completed fiscal year compared to the total net income, assumed investment return, and actual investment return received during the preceding fiscal year;
- (5) the increase in employer pension contributions that results from the implementation of the provisions of Public Act 93-689 this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly;
- (6) the total number of active employees who are financially contributing to the fund;
 - (7) the total amount that was disbursed in benefits

during the fiscal year, including the number of and total amount disbursed to (i) annuitants in receipt of a regular retirement pension, (ii) recipients being paid a disability pension, and (iii) survivors and children in receipt of benefits;

- (8) the funded ratio of the Fund fund; and
- (9) the unfunded liability carried by the <u>Fund</u> fund, along with an actuarial explanation of the unfunded liability.; and
- (10) the investment policy of the pension board under the statutory investment restrictions imposed on the fund.

Before the <u>Board</u> pension board makes its report, the <u>Fund</u> municipality shall have the assets of the <u>Fund</u> fund and their current market value verified by an independent certified public accountant of its choice.

(b) A participating The municipality is authorized to publish the report submitted under this Section. This publication may be made, without limitation, by publication in a local newspaper of general circulation in the municipality or by publication on the municipality's Internet website. If the municipality publishes the report, then that publication must include all of the information relating to that municipality submitted by the Board pension board under subsection (a).

24 (Source: P.A. 95-950, eff. 8-29-08.)

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- 1 Sec. 7-175. Board elections.
- 2 (a) During the period beginning on August 1 and ending on 3 September 15 of each year the board shall accept nominations of 4 candidates for election to the trusteeships for terms beginning 5 the next January 1, new trusteeships or vacancies to be filled 6 by election.
- 7 (b) All nominations shall be by petition. Three petitions
 8 for an executive trustee shall be signed by governing bodies of
 9 contributing participating municipalities or
 10 instrumentalities.

A petition for an employee trustee shall be signed by at least 350 participating employees who were participants during July of the current year and who, if their employment status remained unchanged, would be eligible to vote for such candidate at the following election.

A petition for an annuitant trustee shall be signed by at least 100 persons who were annuitants of the Fund during July of the current year and who, if their annuitant status remains unchanged, would be eligible to vote for the candidate at the following election.

(c) A separate ballot shall be used for each class of trustee and the names of all candidates properly nominated in petitions received by the board shall be placed in alphabetical order upon the proper ballot. Where two employee trustees are elected to a full term in the same year, there shall be one election for the two trusteeships and the two candidates

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- getting the highest number of votes shall be elected. 1
 - At any election, each contributing participating municipality and participating instrumentality and contributing participating employee employed bv such participating municipality or participating instrumentality during September of any year, shall be entitled to vote as follows:
 - The governing body of each such participating municipality and participating instrumentality shall have one vote at any election in which an executive trustee is to be elected, and may cast such vote for any candidate on the executive trustee ballot.
 - 2. Each participating employee shall have one vote at any election in which an employee trustee is to be elected, and may cast such vote for any candidate on the employee trustee ballot.
 - 3. Each annuitant of the Fund shall have one vote at any election in which an annuitant trustee is to be elected, and may cast that vote for any candidate on the annuitant trustee ballot.
 - 4. A vote may be cast for a person not on the ballot by writing in his or her name.
 - (e) The election shall be by ballot pursuant to the rules and regulations established by the board and shall be completed by December 31 of the year. The results shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting of the board following the tally of

- 1 votes.
- 2 (f) In case of a tie vote, the candidate employed by or 3 retired from the participating municipality or participating
- 4 instrumentality having the greatest number of participating
- 5 employees at the time shall be elected.
- 6 (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, if
- 7 only one candidate is properly nominated in petitions received
- 8 by the Board, that candidate shall be deemed the winner. In the
- 9 case of 2 employee trustees elected to a full term in the same
- 10 year, if only 2 candidates are properly nominated in petitions
- 11 received by the Board, those 2 candidates shall both be deemed
- 12 winners. If a candidate is deemed a winner under this
- paragraph, no election under this Section or Section 7-175.1
- 14 shall be required.
- (h) For the purposes of this Section, "annuitant" includes
- a person who receives an annuity pursuant to Article 3 or 4.
- 17 For the purposes of this Section, "contributing
- 18 participating municipality includes a municipality that
- 19 participates in Article 3 or 4.
- 20 For the purposes of this Section, "participating employee"
- 21 includes a police officer under Article 3 or a firefighter
- 22 under Article 4.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 98-932, eff. 8-15-14.)
- 24 (40 ILCS 5/7-175.1) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 7-175.1)
- 25 Sec. 7-175.1. Election of employee and annuitant trustees.

- (a) The board shall prepare and send ballots and ballot envelopes to the employees, including police officers under Article 3 and firefighters under Article 4, and annuitants eligible to vote as of September of that year. The ballots shall contain the names of all candidates in alphabetical order and an appropriate place where a name may be written in on the ballot. The ballot envelope shall have on the outside a form of certificate stating that the person voting the ballot is a participating employee or annuitant entitled to vote.
- (b) Employees and annuitants, upon receipt of the ballot, shall vote the ballot and place it in the ballot envelope, seal the envelope, execute the certificate thereon and return the ballot to the Fund.
- (c) The board shall set a final date for ballot return, and ballots received prior to that date in a ballot envelope with a properly executed certificate and properly voted, shall be valid ballots.
- (d) The board shall set a day for counting the ballots and name judges and clerks of election to conduct the count of ballots, and shall make any rules and regulations necessary for the conduct of the count.
- (e) No election under this Section shall be required if a candidate is deemed the winner under subsection (g) of Section 7-175.
- 25 (f) Nothing in this Section shall preclude the Board from 26 adopting rules that provide for Internet balloting or phone

- 1 balloting in addition to election by mail under this Section.
- 2 An Internet or phone ballot cast in accordance with rules
- 3 adopted under this subsection shall be a valid ballot.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 100-935, eff. 1-1-19.)
- 5 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
- 6 Section 8.43 as follows:
- 7 (30 ILCS 805/8.43 new)
- 8 Sec. 8.43. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
- 9 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
- implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of
- 11 the 101st General Assembly.
- 12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- becoming law, except that Sections 5 and 15 take effect January
- 14 1, 2021.

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