

1 AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 7-109.3 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/7-109.3) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 7-109.3)

7 Sec. 7-109.3. "Sheriff's Law Enforcement Employees".

8 (a) "Sheriff's law enforcement employee" or "SLEP" means:

9 (1) A county sheriff and all deputies, other than  
10 special deputies, employed on a full time basis in the  
11 office of the sheriff.

12 (2) A person who has elected to participate in this  
13 Fund under Section 3-109.1 of this Code, and who is  
14 employed by a participating municipality to perform police  
15 duties.

16 (3) A law enforcement officer employed on a full time  
17 basis by a Forest Preserve District, provided that such  
18 officer shall be deemed a "sheriff's law enforcement  
19 employee" for the purposes of this Article, and service in  
20 that capacity shall be deemed to be service as a sheriff's  
21 law enforcement employee, only if the board of  
22 commissioners of the District have so elected by adoption  
23 of an affirmative resolution. Such election, once made, may

1 not be rescinded.

2 (4) A person not eligible to participate in a fund  
3 established under Article 3 of this Code who is employed on  
4 a full-time basis by a participating municipality or  
5 participating instrumentality to perform police duties at  
6 an airport, but only if the governing authority of the  
7 employer has approved sheriff's law enforcement employee  
8 status for its airport police employees by adoption of an  
9 affirmative resolution. Such approval, once given, may not  
10 be rescinded.

11 (5) A person employed by a participating municipality  
12 with at least 50 full-time firefighters that has not  
13 established a fund under Article 4 of this Code and who is  
14 employed on a full-time basis by that participating  
15 municipality to perform firefighting and EMS duties, but  
16 only if the governing authority of the employer has  
17 approved sheriff's law enforcement employee status for its  
18 firefighting employees by adoption of an affirmative  
19 resolution. The resolution may specify that SLEP status be  
20 applicable to such employment occurring on or after January  
21 1, 2011. Such approval shall be revocable only upon the  
22 establishment of an Article 4 fund by such municipality.

23 (b) An employee who is a sheriff's law enforcement employee  
24 and is granted military leave or authorized leave of absence  
25 shall receive service credit in that capacity. Sheriff's law  
26 enforcement employees shall not be entitled to out-of-State

1 service credit under Section 7-139.

2 (Source: P.A. 92-16, eff. 6-28-01.)

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
4 becoming law.