



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB2824

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/5-136.1	from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 5-136.1
40 ILCS 5/6-141.1	from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 6-141.1
30 ILCS 805/8.49 new	

Amends the Chicago Police and Chicago Firefighter Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a widow's annuity shall be equal to 66 2/3% (instead of 50%) of the retirement annuity the deceased policeman or fireman was receiving at the time of death or 66 2/3% (instead of 50%) of the retirement annuity the policeman or fireman would have been eligible for if the policeman or fireman retired from service on the day before the policeman's or fireman's death. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

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STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

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
5 changing Sections 5-136.1 and 6-141.1 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/5-136.1) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 5-136.1)

7 Sec. 5-136.1. (a) Notwithstanding the other provisions of
8 this Article, the widow of a policeman (1) who retires on or
9 after January 1, 1986, and subsequently dies while receiving a
10 retirement annuity, or (2) dies on or after January 1, 1991
11 while receiving a retirement annuity without regard to the
12 date of retirement, or (3) dies after December 31, 1985, while
13 an active policeman with at least 1 1/2 years of creditable
14 service, may in lieu of any other widow's annuity have the
15 amount of widow's annuity calculated in accordance with this
16 Section.

17 (b) If the deceased policeman was an active policeman at
18 the time of his death and had at least 1 1/2 years of
19 creditable service, the widow's annuity shall be 30% of the
20 annual maximum salary attached to the classified civil service
21 position of a first class patrolman at the time of his death.
22 If such policeman dies on or after January 1, 1991, the widow's
23 annuity shall be the greater of (1) 30% of the annual maximum

1 salary attached to the classified civil service position of a
2 first class patrolman at the time of his death, or (2) 66 2/3%
3 ~~50%~~ of the retirement annuity the deceased policeman would
4 have been eligible to receive if he had retired from service on
5 the day before his death. This annuity is fixed at the time of
6 the policeman's death and does not increase. This annuity
7 shall not be limited to the maximum dollar amount in effect for
8 widows' annuities at the time of the policeman's death.

9 (c) If the deceased policeman was receiving a retirement
10 annuity at the time of his death, the widow's annuity shall be
11 equal to 40% of the policeman's annuity at the time of the
12 policeman's death until December 31, 1987, and 66 2/3% ~~50%~~
13 such policeman's annuity thereafter. The increase in widow's
14 annuity provided by this amendatory Act of 1987 shall apply to
15 all annuities calculated under this subsection (c). This
16 annuity shall not be limited to the maximum dollar amount in
17 effect for widows' annuities at the time of the policeman's
18 death or retirement.

19 (d) This Section shall in no way limit any annuity
20 otherwise payable under this Article.

21 (e) The widow's annuity of any widow of a policeman who
22 retired on or after January 1, 1986 and died while receiving a
23 retirement annuity, which was not calculated under this
24 Section because the deceased policeman had reached age 63
25 prior to January 1, 1986, shall be recalculated, effective
26 January 1, 1991, in accordance with the provisions of this

1 Section, notwithstanding Section 1-103.1.

2 (Source: P.A. 85-964; 86-1488.)

3 (40 ILCS 5/6-141.1) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 6-141.1)

4 Sec. 6-141.1. (a) Notwithstanding the other provisions of
5 this Article, the widow of a fireman who dies on or after June
6 30, 1984, while receiving a retirement annuity or while an
7 active fireman with at least 1 1/2 years of creditable
8 service, may elect to have the amount of widow's annuity
9 calculated in accordance with this Section.

10 (b) If the deceased fireman was an active fireman at the
11 time of his death and had at least 1 1/2 years of creditable
12 service, the widow's annuity shall be the greater of (1) 30% of
13 the salary attached to the rank of first class firefighter in
14 the classified career service at the time of the fireman's
15 death, or (2) 66 2/3% ~~50%~~ of the retirement annuity the
16 deceased fireman would have been eligible to receive if he had
17 retired from service on the day before his death.

18 (c) If the deceased fireman was receiving a retirement
19 annuity at the time of his death, the widow's annuity shall be
20 equal to 66 2/3% ~~50%~~ of the amount of such retirement annuity
21 at the time of the fireman's death.

22 (Source: P.A. 84-11.)

23 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
24 Section 8.49 as follows:

1 (30 ILCS 805/8.49 new)

2 Sec. 8.49. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and
3 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for
4 the implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory
5 Act of the 104th General Assembly.