

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 7-155 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/7-155) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 7-155)

7 Sec. 7-155. Surviving spouse annuities-commencement.

8 (a) A surviving spouse annuity shall begin on the 1st day  
9 of the month next following the month in which the  
10 participating employee, or the employee annuitant or such  
11 person entitled to a retirement annuity died, upon a written  
12 application therefor, provided:

13 1. Any such annuity payments payable for periods  
14 beginning ~~Such date is not more than one year~~ prior to the  
15 date the application was received by the Board shall not  
16 include interest based on late payment; and

17 2. The amount of surviving spouse annuity before the  
18 application of paragraph 3 of Section 7-158, is at least \$5  
19 per month, beginning on such date.

20 (b) A person receiving a surviving spouse annuity whose  
21 annuity was granted but limited to one year prior to the  
22 application date under the former provisions of this Section  
23 may reapply for annuity payments for the period denied due to

1 the one-year limitation. Such annuity payments shall not  
2 include interest based on late payment.

3 (c) The changes to this Section made by this amendatory Act  
4 of the 99th General Assembly apply without regard to whether  
5 the deceased spouse was in service on or after the effective  
6 date of this amendatory Act.

7 (Source: P.A. 80-653.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
9 becoming law.