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92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal section 86.690, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof four new sections relating to police relief and pension systems.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 86.690, RSMo, is repealed and four new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 86.394, 86.445, 86.676, and 86.690, to read as follows:

86.394. Each member of the retirement board who is in active service with the police department of a city as either a police officer, as defined in section 86.370, or as an employee, as defined in section 86.600, shall be granted authorized leave with pay by such police department to attend any and all educational seminars and like functions that have been authorized by the retirement board, including travel time to and from such functions, not to exceed ten days in any calendar year. Leave granted under this section shall not reduce vacation or other authorized leave time to which such member may be entitled without reference to this section.

86.445. If a city and the police department of such city adopt any program of incentives to authorize or encourage early retirements, whether for employees not yet eligible for regular retirement or for employees who are eligible but have not yet chosen to retire or for both, the retirement board shall be authorized to administer and pay such incentives for retirees who accept such incentives and are members of this retirement system pursuant to sections 86.370 to 86.497, in addition to such other benefits as such members or their beneficiaries are entitled to receive pursuant to sections 86.370 to 86.497 provided such city shall so request and shall agree to

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

increase the city's contribution pursuant to section 86.477 sufficiently to provide the full actuarial cost of any such incentives in addition to the contribution required of such city necessary, in conjunction with members' contributions pursuant to section 86.470, to provide all other benefits provided pursuant to sections 86.370 to 86.497.

86.676. If a city and the police department of such city adopt any program of incentives to authorize or encourage early retirements, whether for employees not yet eligible for regular retirement or for employees who are eligible but have not yet chosen to retire or for both, the retirement board shall be authorized to administer and pay such incentives for retirees who accept such incentives and are members of this retirement system pursuant to sections 86.600 to 86.790, in addition to such other benefits as such members or their beneficiaries are entitled to receive pursuant to sections 86.600 to 86.790, provided such city shall so request and shall agree to increase said city's contribution pursuant to section 86.760 sufficiently to provide the full actuarial cost of any such incentives in addition to the contribution required of such city necessary, in conjunction with members' contribution pursuant to section 86.760, to provide all other benefits provided pursuant to sections 86.600 to 86.790.

86.690. 1. Upon death after August 28, 2001, of a member for any cause prior to retirement, the following amounts shall be payable subject to subsection 5 of this section, as full and final settlement of any and all claims for benefits under this retirement system:

(1) If the member has less than five years of creditable service, the member's surviving spouse shall be paid, in a lump sum, the amount of accumulated contributions and interest. If there be no surviving spouse, payment shall be made to the member's designated beneficiary, or if none, to the executor or administrator of the member's estate.

(2) If the member has at least five, but less than twenty years of creditable service, the member's surviving spouse may elect, in lieu of the lump sum settlement in subdivision (1) of this subsection, an annuity. Such annuity shall be one-half of the member's accrued annuity at date of death as computed in section 86.650. The effective date of the election shall be the latter of the first day of the month after the member's death or attainment of what would have been the member's early retirement date as provided in section 86.660.

(3) If the member has at least twenty years of creditable service, the member's surviving spouse may elect, in lieu of the lump sum settlement in subdivision (1) of this subsection, the larger of the annuity as computed in subdivision (2) of this subsection or an annuity determined on a joint and survivor's basis from the actuarial value of the member's accrued annuity at date of death.

(4) Any death of a retired member occurring before the date of first payment of the retirement annuity shall be deemed to be a death before retirement.

(5) Benefits payable pursuant to this section shall continue for the lifetime of such

surviving spouse without regard to remarriage.

(6) No surviving spouse of a member who dies in service after August 28, 2001, shall be entitled to receive any benefits pursuant to sections 86.600 to 86.790 unless such spouse was married to the member at the time of the member's death in service.

2. Upon death following retirement for any cause after August 28, 2001, of a member who has not elected the optional annuity pursuant to section 86.650, the member's surviving spouse shall receive a pension payable for life, equaling one-half of the member's normal retirement allowance, computed under section 86.650, as of the member's actual retirement date, subject to adjustments provided in subsection 5 of section 86.675, if any; provided, no surviving spouse of a member who retires after August 28, 2001, shall be entitled to receive any benefits pursuant to sections 86.600 to 86.790 unless such spouse was married to the member at the time of the member's retirement. Any surviving spouse who was married to such a member at the time of the member's retirement shall be entitled to all benefits for surviving spouses pursuant to sections 86.600 to 86.790 for the life of such surviving spouse without regard to remarriage. If there be no surviving spouse, payment of the member's accumulated contributions less the amount of any prior payments from the retirement system to the member or to any beneficiary of the member shall be made to the member's designated beneficiary or, if none, to the personal representative of the member's estate.

3. Any surviving spouse of a member who dies in service or retired prior to August 28, 2001, who otherwise qualifies for benefits pursuant to subsection 1 or 2 of this section and who has not remarried prior to August 28, 2001, but remarries thereafter, shall upon application to the retirement board be appointed by the retirement board as a special consultant on the problems of retirement, aging and other matters, and upon request of the retirement board shall give opinions in writing or orally in response to such requests, as may be required. For such services, such surviving spouse shall be compensated in an amount equal to the benefits such spouse would have received pursuant to sections 86.600 to 86.790 in the absence of such remarriage.

4. Should the total amount paid from the retirement system to a member, the member's surviving spouse [and], any other beneficiary of the member, **and the funeral benefit under subsection 6 of this section** be less than the member's accumulated contributions, an amount equal to such difference shall be paid to the member's designated beneficiary or, if none, to the personal representative of the member's estate, and such payment shall constitute full and final payment of any and all claims for benefits under the retirement system.

5. Any beneficiary of benefits pursuant to sections 86.600 to 86.790 who becomes the surviving spouse of more than one member shall be paid all benefits due a surviving spouse of that member whose entitlements produce the largest surviving spouse benefits for such beneficiary but shall not be paid surviving spouse benefits as the surviving spouse of more than

one member, except that any surviving spouse for whom an election has been made for an optional annuity under subsection 2 of section 86.650 shall be entitled to every annuity for which such surviving spouse has so contracted.

6. Upon receipt of the proper proof of death of a member in service after August 28, 2003, or the death of a member in service on or after August 28, 2003, who dies after having been retired and pensioned, there shall be paid in addition to all other benefits a funeral benefit of one thousand dollars.

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