



ISSUE BRIEF

House Bill 2750:

Part-time Elected Official Participation

IMRF Position:

NEUTRAL

Sponsor(s):

Representative Morrison

Proposed Change in the Law

This bill would exclude part-time elected officials from participation. Positions are considered to be part-time unless the employer files an official job description with the Fund or the employer's legal advisor files a determination of the position's full-time status with the Fund. Officials who participated prior to the effective date would be grandfathered. Similar provisions are included for the Chicago Municipal and Cook County funds.

The bill would also close enrollment in the General Assembly Retirement System for new members.

Reasons for Position

IMRF has also seen a major increase in audit activity and, consequently, appeals before the Board's Benefit Review Committee regarding whether a particular elected official's position actually meets the hourly standard for participation.

The provisions of this bill would not affect current participants, so there are no constitutional concerns. Like other proposals regarding employer and employee participation, the decision as to whether elected officials are eligible for participation is a public policy decision to be determined by the General Assembly.

The change in this bill would make the standard for participation as an elected official easier to determine. It would also place the burden on the employer, not IMRF, to make the determination that it is a full-time position.

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