



# ISSUE BRIEF

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## **House Bill 2976:** Elected Official Participation

**IMRF Position:**  
NEUTRAL

**Sponsor:**  
**Representative Morrison**

## Proposed Change in the Law

This bill would exclude part-time elected officials from participation. Positions are considered 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 to new members.

## Reasons for Position

Participation by elected officials in any of the pension systems has been a major topic of discussion in the General Assembly and negative media attention for the past few years.

The provisions of this bill would not affect current participants, so there are no constitutional concerns. Like other proposals regarding 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 place the burden of determining if the employee was full- or part-time on the employer, not IMRF.

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