



ISSUE BRIEF

Senate Bill 2211: Retroactive Service

IMRF Position:
NEUTRAL

Sponsor(s):
Senator Plummer

Proposed Change in the Law

This bill would limit retroactive service credit for elected officials to thirty days. It would apply prospectively only, to members who first become a participating member in IMRF in any capacity on or after the effective date.

Reasons for Position

The bill would apply only to new members and there are therefore no constitutional considerations. In addition, the amount of service credit that members are eligible to purchase is a public policy decision appropriate for the General Assembly.

Originally, retroactive service was established, and the current 50-month limitation was set because it was one-half of the total service credit for vesting under Tier 1. If an elected official enrolled in IMRF at the start of his or her term of office, but then did not have a second term, the official would only have four years of service credit in IMRF and not be eligible for interest on any refunds he or she would take.

Under this bill, there is no change in eligibility for participation. Elected officials would need to enroll in IMRF within the first month of initially taking office, rather than within two months of his or her second term, in order to establish all of the time served in IMRF.

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