HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 615

46th legislature - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - second session, 2004

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE;
AMENDING THE JUDICIAL RETIREMENT ACT TO INCREASE MEMBER
CONTRIBUTIONS; AMENDING THE MAGISTRATE RETIREMENT ACT TO
INCREASE MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 10-12B-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1992, Chapter 111, Section 10) is amended to read:

"10-12B-10. MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS--TAX TREATMENT.--

- A. Members, while in office, shall contribute [five] six percent of salary to the member contribution fund.
- B. Upon implementation, the state, acting as employer of members covered pursuant to the provisions of the Judicial Retirement Act, shall, solely for the purpose of compliance with Section 414(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of .151065.3

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1986, pick up for the purposes specified in that section member contributions required by this section for all annual salary earned by the member. Member contributions picked up pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be treated as employer contributions for purposes of determining income tax obligations under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; however, such picked-up member contributions shall be included in the determination of the member's gross annual salary for all other purposes under federal and state laws. Member contributions picked up pursuant to the provisions of this section shall continue to be designated member contributions for all purposes of the Judicial Retirement Act and shall be considered as part of the member's annual salary for purposes of determining the amount of the member's contribution. The provisions of this section are mandatory, and the member shall have no option concerning the pickup or to the receipt of the contributed amounts directly instead of having the amounts paid by the employer to the retirement system. Implementation occurs upon authorization by the board. In no event may implementation occur other than at the beginning of a pay period applicable to the member.

C. The increase in member contributions provided for in this 2004 act is contingent upon the inclusion of not less than a ten percent salary increase for justices and judges in legislation enacted by the second session of the forty-sixth. 151065.3

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Section 2. Section 10-12C-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1992, Chapter 118, Section 10) is amended to read:

"10-12C-10. MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS--TAX TREATMENT.--

- A. Members, while in office, shall contribute [five] six percent of salary to the member contribution fund.
- Upon implementation, the state, acting as employer of members covered pursuant to the provisions of the Magistrate Retirement Act, shall, solely for the purpose of compliance with Section 414(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, pick up for the purposes specified in that section member contributions required by this section for all annual salary earned by the member. Member contributions picked up pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be treated as employer contributions for purposes of determining income tax obligations under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; however, such picked-up member contributions shall be included in the determination of the member's gross annual salary for all other purposes under federal and state laws. Member contributions picked up pursuant to the provisions of this section shall continue to be designated member contributions for all purposes of the Magistrate Retirement Act and shall be considered as part of the member's annual salary for purposes of determining the amount of the member's contribution. The provisions of this section are mandatory, and the member shall have no option .151065.3

concerning the pick up or to the receipt of the contributed amounts directly instead of having the amounts paid by the employer to the retirement system. Implementation occurs upon authorization by the board. In no event may implementation occur other than at the beginning of a pay period applicable to the member.

C. The increase in member contributions provided

for in this 2004 act is contingent upon the inclusion of not

less than a ten percent salary increase for justices and judges
in legislation enacted by the second session of the forty-sixth

legislature."

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2004.

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