

HB 183 -- KANSAS CITY POLICE AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

SPONSOR: Silvey

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Retirement by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill changes the laws regarding the Police Retirement System of Kansas City and the Civilian Employees' Retirement System of the Police Department of Kansas City. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Changes the definition of "employee" to prohibit membership in the civilian employees' retirement system by any retired member of the police retirement system or from any other retirement or pension system of Kansas City who is appointed on or after August 28, 2011;

(2) Changes the start date for benefits to the first day of the month following the month in which a member retires. No partial benefit is payable for the month in which the member retires;

(3) Specifies, upon the death of a retired member, the requirements and time frame for the final beneficiary payment or a survivor's benefit;

(4) Allows creditable service to include when a member is on an unpaid leave of absence for 30 consecutive days or less and returns from the leave prior to August 28, 2011, if it is military leave or leave approved by the board of police commissioners; and

(5) Requires members, when purchasing prior creditable service, to pay the actuarial cost as determined at the time of purchase.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill clarifies provisions of the retirement plan and prohibits membership in the plan by a retired member of the city employees' plan or firefighters' plan who is hired after August 28, 2011.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Silvey; and Jim Pyle, Police Retirement System of Kansas City and the Civilian Employees' Retirement System of Kansas City.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.