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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1276

5 By: Representative Painter
6 By: Senator Flippo
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT CONCERNING SPOUSAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS OF CITY
10 ATTORNEYS OF CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS AND CITIES OF
11 THE SECOND CLASS, DEPUTY CITY CLERKS IN CITIES OF THE
12 FIRST CLASS, MAYORS IN CITIES OF THE SECOND CLASS,
13 AND TREASURERS IN CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS; AND FOR
14 OTHER PURPOSES.
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18 CONCERNING SPOUSAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS
19 FOR SPOUSES OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL
20 EMPLOYEES.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-12-120, concerning retirement benefits
25 for city attorneys in cities of the first class and cities of the second
26 class, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

27 (d)(1) Upon the death of a city attorney who retired under the
28 provisions of subsection (a) of this section or a city attorney who dies in
29 office after becoming eligible to retire under subsection (a) of this section
30 or any other state statute, the legally recognized spouse of the city
31 attorney married to the city attorney for ten (10) years or longer may
32 receive, at the option of the governing body of the city:

33 (A) One-half (1/2) of the retirement benefit the retired
34 city attorney was receiving; or

35 (B) One-half (1/2) of the retirement benefit the city
36 attorney who died in office was entitled to receive.



1 (2) Upon remarriage of the spouse, the benefits shall cease.

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 3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 24-12-122, concerning retirement benefits
 4 for deputy city clerks in cities of the first class, is amended to add an
 5 additional subsection to read as follows:

6 (c)(1) Upon the death of a deputy city clerk who retired under the
 7 provisions of subsection (a) of this section or a deputy city clerk who dies
 8 in office after becoming eligible to retire under subsection (a) of this
 9 section or any other state statute, the legally recognized spouse of the
 10 deputy city clerk married to the deputy city clerk for ten (10) years or
 11 longer may receive, at the option of the governing body of the city:

12 (A) One-half (1/2) of the retirement benefit the retired
 13 deputy city clerk was receiving; or

14 (B) One-half (1/2) of the retirement benefit the deputy
 15 city clerk who died in office was entitled to receive.

16 (2) Upon remarriage of the spouse, the benefits shall cease.

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 18 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 24-12-124, concerning retirement benefits
 19 for mayors in cities of the second class, is amended to add an additional
 20 subsection to read as follows:

21 (d)(1) Upon the death of a mayor who retired under the provisions of
 22 subsection (a) of this section or a mayor who dies in office after becoming
 23 eligible to retire under subsection (a) of this section or any other state
 24 statute, the legally recognized spouse of the mayor married to the mayor for
 25 ten (10) years or longer may receive, at the option of the governing body of
 26 the city:

27 (A) One-half (1/2) of the retirement benefit the retired
 28 mayor was receiving; or

29 (B) One-half (1/2) of the retirement benefit the mayor who
 30 died in office was entitled to receive.

31 (2) Upon remarriage of the spouse, the benefits shall cease.

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 33 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 24-12-125, concerning retirement benefits
 34 for treasurers in cities of the first class, is amended to add an additional
 35 subsection to read as follows:

36 (c)(1) Upon the death of a treasurer who retired under the provisions

1 of subsection (a) of this section or a treasurer who dies in office after
2 becoming eligible to retire under subsection (a) of this section or any other
3 state statute, the legally recognized spouse of the treasurer married to the
4 treasurer for ten (10) years or longer may receive, at the option of the
5 governing body of the city:

6 (A) One-half (1/2) of the retirement benefit the retired
7 treasurer was receiving; or

8 (B) One-half (1/2) of the retirement benefit the treasurer
9 who died in office was entitled to receive.

10 (2) Upon remarriage of the spouse, the benefits shall cease.

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