

## **Senate Bill 153**

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Actuarial Cost Study prepared for

Joint Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs  
of the Arkansas 95<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

### **Provisions of the Bill**

Senate Bill 153 affects the benefits provided to certain city officials. The bill addresses city attorneys in cities of the first or second class (§24-12-120), city clerks and clerk-treasurers (§24-12-121), deputy city clerks in cities of the first class (§24-12-122), mayors of cities of the first class (§24-12-123), treasurers in cities of the first class (§24-12-125), and, treasurers in cities of the second class (§24-12-127). All of these sections discuss that the payment of benefits are “from the city general fund”. Senate Bill 153 replaces these phrases with “by the city”. The practical effect would be that the city will still be responsible for the payment of benefits, but will be able to collect funds and pay them from an account that is not the city’s general fund. If a city has saved money to provide these benefits, they could be invested more like a retirement account held by the city for the purpose of benefit payment.

### **Fiscal Impact**

Senate Bill 153 does not impact the state retirement systems. The bill will not change the benefits paid under these municipal plans. The bill would allow payment from an account that is the responsibility of the city, but not necessarily from its general fund. Therefore, there is not a fiscal impact on the cities to pay for these benefits.

Sincerely,



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