HOUSE BILL No. 2363

By Representative Loyd

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AN ACT concerning retirement and pensions; concerning certain school retirants; postretirement benefit increase **increases**.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. The retirement benefit, pension or annuity payments to each retirant of the state school retirement system who retired prior to January 1, 1971, and who had at least 20 years or more of service credit, shall:

- (a) For retirement benefit, pension or annuity payments accruing after June 30, 2001, be in an amount as otherwise provided by law but shall be an amount at least equal to \$500;
- (b) for retirement benefit, pension or annuity payments accruing after June 30, 2002, be in an amount as otherwise provided by law but shall be an amount at least equal to \$625; and
- (c) for retirement benefit, pension or annuity payments accruing after June 30, 2003, be in an amount as otherwise provided by law but shall be an amount at least equal to \$750.
- Sec. 2. (a) Each retirant who is entitled to receive a retirement benefit, pension or annuity payment from a retirement system or who is a local school annuitant shall be entitled to receive a retirant dividend payment as specified in this section. Such retirant dividend payment shall be paid in addition to the amount of the annual retirement benefit, pension or annuity payment to which the retirant is otherwise entitled and shall be paid in the form of an additional payment which shall be made on October 1, 2001.
- (b) Each such retirement dividend payment as provided in this section shall be payable to the retirant in an amount equal to 50% of the retirement benefit payment such retirant is entitled to receive on July 1, 2001.
- (c) Each such retirant dividend payment shall be paid by the retirement system to the retirant and the local school annuitant and shall be payable from the Kansas public employees retirement fund.
 - (d) As used in this section:

- benefit recipient.

- (1) "Retirant" means (A) any person who is a member of a retirement system and who retired prior to July 1, 2000, (B) any person who is a special member of a retirement system and who retired prior to July 1, 2000, (C) any person who is a joint annuitant or beneficiary of any member described in clause (A) or any special member described in clause (B), and (D) any insured disability
- (2) "Retirement system" means the Kansas public employees retirement system, the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system, the state school retirement system and the retirement system for judges.
- (3) "Local school annuitant" means (A) any person who is an annuitant with 10 or more years of service, who is receiving an annuity, whose annuity is not included, in whole or in part, in payments made to such school district under K.S.A. 72-5512b and amendments thereto, and who is not a member of a group I or of group II as defined in K.S.A. 72-5518 and amendments thereto, and (B) any person who is receiving an annuity and who retired prior to September 1, 1981.
- (4) "Insured disability benefit recipient" means any person receiving an insured disability benefit under K.S.A. 74-4927, and amendments thereto, prior to July 1, 2000.
- Sec. $\frac{2}{3}$. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.