SENATE BILL No. 237

By Senators Hensley, Barone, Betts, Francisco, Gilstrap, Haley and Kelly

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AN ACT concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas public employees retirement system and systems thereunder; retirant dividend payments to certain retirants thereof.

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

Section 1. (a) Each retirant who is entitled to receive a retirement benefit, pension or annuity payment from a retirement system 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 retirement benefit, pension or annuity payment to which the retirant is otherwise entitled pursuant to law and shall be paid in the form of an additional payment which shall be made on October 1, 2005.

- (b) Each such retirant 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, 2005.
- (c) Each such retirant dividend payment shall be paid by the retirement system to the retirant and shall be payable from the Kansas public employees retirement fund.
 - (d) As used in this section:
- (1) "Retirant" means (A) any person who is a member of a retirement system and who retired prior to July 1, 2004, (B) any person who is a special member of a retirement system and who retired prior to July 1, 2004, (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 benefit recipient.
- (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) "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, 2004.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.