

SHORT TITLE: An Act relating to cities and towns; the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System; clarifying reference; effective date; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 515

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to cities and towns; amending 11 O.S. 1991, Section 50-101, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 84, O.S.L. 1994 (11 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 50-101), which relates to the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System; clarifying reference; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 1991, Section 50-101, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 84, O.S.L. 1994 (11 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 50-101), is amended to read as follows:

Section 50-101. As used in this article:

1. "System" means the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System and all predecessor municipal Police Pension and Retirement Systems;
2. "Article" means Article 50 of this title;
3. "State Board" means the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement Board;
4. "Local board" means the local police pension and retirement boards;
5. "Fund" means the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement Fund;
6. "Officer" means any duly appointed and sworn full-time officer of the regular police department of a municipality whose duties are to preserve the public peace, protect life and property, prevent crime, serve warrants, enforce all laws and municipal ordinances of this state, and ~~any political subdivision~~ subdivisions

thereof, and who is authorized to bear arms in the execution of such duties;

7. "Member" means all eligible officers of a participating municipality;

8. "Normal retirement date" means the date at which the member is eligible to receive the unreduced payments of the member's accrued retirement benefit. Such date shall be the first day of the month coinciding with or following the date the member completes twenty (20) years of credited service. If the member's employment continues past the normal retirement date of the member, the actual retirement date of the member shall be the first day of the month after the member terminates employment with more than twenty (20) years of credited service;

9. "Credited service" means the period of service used to determine the eligibility for and the amount of benefits payable to a member. Credited service shall consist of the period during which the member participated in the System or the predecessor municipal systems as an active employee in an eligible membership classification, plus any service prior to the establishment of the predecessor municipal systems which was credited under the predecessor municipal systems or credited service granted by the State Board;

10. "Participating municipality" means a municipality which is making contributions to the System on behalf of its officers;

11. "Permanent total disability" means incapacity due to accidental injury or occupational disease, to earn any wages in the employment for which the member is physically suited and reasonably fitted through education, training or experience. Further, the member must be declared one hundred percent (100%) impaired as defined by the "American Medical Association's Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment" on the basis of a physical

medical examination by a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state, as selected by the State Board;

12. "Permanent partial disability" means permanent disability which is less than permanent total disability as defined in this section. The member officer must be declared no greater than ninety-nine percent (99%) impaired as defined by the "American Medical Association's Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment" on the basis of a physical medical examination by a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state, as selected by the State Board;

13. "Beneficiary" means a member's surviving spouse, child or children at the time of the member's death. The surviving spouse must have been married to the member for the thirty (30) continuous months immediately preceding the member's death, provided a surviving spouse of a member who died while in, and as a consequence of, the performance of the member's duty for a participating municipality, shall not be subject to the thirty-month marriage requirement for survivor benefits. A surviving child of a member shall be a beneficiary until reaching eighteen (18) years of age or twenty-two (22) years of age if the child is enrolled full time and regularly attending a public or private school or any institution of higher education. Children adopted by the member after the member's retirement are not beneficiaries. This definition of beneficiary shall be in addition to any other requirement set forth in this article;

14. "Executive Director" means the managing officer of the System employed by the State Board;

15. "Eligible employer" means any municipality with a municipal police department;

16. "Entry date" means the date as of which an eligible employer joins the System. The first entry date pursuant to this article shall be January 1, 1981;

17. "Final average salary" means the average paid gross salary of the officer for normally scheduled hours over the highest salaried thirty (30) consecutive months of the last sixty (60) months of credited service.

Gross salary shall not include payment for accumulated sick and annual leave upon termination of employment or any uniform allowances. Provided, for purposes of determining the normal disability benefit, final average salary shall be based on the member's total service if less than thirty (30) months. Gross salary shall include any amount of elective salary reduction under Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and any amount of nonelective salary reduction under Section 414(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Only salary on which required contributions have been made may be used in computing the final average salary;

18. "Accrued retirement benefit" means two and one-half percent (2 1/2%) of the member's final average salary multiplied by the member's years of credited service not to exceed thirty (30) years;

19. "Normal disability benefit" means two and one-half percent (2 1/2%) of the member's final average salary multiplied by twenty (20) years; and

20. "Limitation year" means the year used in applying the limitations of Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, which year shall be the calendar year.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1995.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.