

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1681

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System; providing for increases or decreases in salary of certain firefighters; prescribing method for determining increases or decreases; prohibiting reduction of pension below certain level; defining term; prohibiting certain special classifications; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 49-136.1 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Any member of the System who retired after May 26, 1983, and whose pension was based upon a percentage of the average salary paid to the member during the last thirty (30) or sixty (60) months of the service of the member, shall have such pension, or the pension of the surviving spouse of the member, as the case may be, increased or decreased by one-half (1/2) of all increases or decreases which shall occur in the salary of the regular firefighters in the municipality from which said person is receiving a pension beginning

with any such increases or decreases which occur on or after July 1, 1997.

B. The pension of a firefighter described by subsection A of this section shall never be reduced below the original pension paid to such person for that purpose. The term "regular firefighters" shall for this purpose be defined as salaried firefighters who have reached their maximum salary as "privates" in their departments and have not been promoted to a position of rank. It shall be a violation of this article to establish a special classification for the purpose of evading the intent of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1997.

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.

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