

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3252

By: Jordan

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public retirement systems; amending 11 O.S. 2011, Section 49-135, which relates to the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System; modifying provisions related to age-based restrictions with respect to volunteer firefighters; 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. 2011, Section 49-135, is amended to read as follows:

Section 49-135. ~~No~~ A. Except as otherwise provided by subsection B of this section, no person shall be employed in a fire department who has reached the age of forty-five (45) years, unless it appears he shall become eligible for retirement at the age of sixty-five (65) years, or unless he be retired from a municipal fire department in the State of Oklahoma. This section shall not apply to professional engineers, or to persons employed as technical specialists on a temporary basis. The State Board shall be authorized to establish the maximum age, within the limits herein

1 prescribed, over which an applicant may not be considered for
2 initial employment, but no person shall be prohibited from making
3 application for reemployment and having such reemployment
4 application considered merely because of his age, provided that such
5 person be under the age of forty-five (45) years, and provided
6 further, that such reemployment shall be with the consent of the
7 fire chief of such municipality.

8 B. The provisions of this section shall not restrict the
9 ability of a fire department to engage the services of a volunteer
10 firefighter who is not required to be a member of the System.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2014.

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

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Re: RBH No. 9499

RBH No. 9499 removes the age at hire restriction for volunteer firefighters who are not required to be the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System.

RBH No. 9499 is a nonfiscal retirement bill as defined by the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act.

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