

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2005

By: Sanders

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System; amending 11 O.S. 2011, Section 49-135, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 281, O.S.L. 2014 (11 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 49-135), which relates to certain age restriction; modifying age restriction applicable to volunteer firefighters; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2011, Section 49-135, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 281, O.S.L. 2014 (11 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 49-135), is amended to read as follows:

Section 49-135. ~~No~~ Except for persons performing service for a participating employer of the System exclusively as a volunteer firefighter for the first time on or after November 1, 2015, no person shall be employed in a fire department who has reached the age of forty-five (45) years, unless it appears he or she shall become eligible for retirement at the age of sixty-five (65) years, or at the age of sixty-seven (67) years for a firefighter whose first service with a participating employer of the System occurs on

1 or after November 1, 2013, or unless he or she be retired from a
2 municipal fire department in the State of Oklahoma. This section
3 shall not apply to professional engineers, or to persons employed as
4 technical specialists on a temporary basis. The State Board shall
5 be authorized to establish the maximum age, within the limits herein
6 prescribed, over which an applicant may not be considered for
7 initial employment, but no person shall be prohibited from making
8 application for reemployment and having such reemployment
9 application considered merely because of his or her age, provided
10 that such person be under the age of forty-five (45) years, and
11 provided further, that such reemployment shall be with the consent
12 of the fire chief of such municipality.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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Re: RBH No. 5251

RBH No. 5251 remove the maximum entry age for volunteer firefighters into the Oklahoma Firefighter Pension and Retirement System who begin service after 11/15/2015.

Currently all new firefighters must be able to retire by age 67. This bill would increase the disability risk as the new volunteers work beyond age 67.

RBH No. 5251 is a retirement bill having a fiscal impact as defined by the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Analysis Act.

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