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A Bill

SENATE BILL 229

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ALLOW EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC WATER AUTHORITIES
9 TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'
10 RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 TO ALLOW EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC WATER
14 AUTHORITIES TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE
15 ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT
16 SYSTEM.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 4-35-204, concerning the board of directors
23 of a public water authority, is amended to add an additional subsection to
24 read as follows:

25 (h)(1) The board of directors of a public water authority may elect by
26 majority vote to:

27 (A) Participate in the Arkansas Public Employees'
28 Retirement System; and

29 (B) Allow full-time employees of a public water authority
30 to become members of the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System.

31 (2) The public water authority shall pay the contributions
32 required by the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Public Employees'
33 Retirement System in accordance with § 24-4-101 et seq.
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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 24-4-101(27), concerning the definition of
36 "nonstate employees" and other definitions applicable to the Arkansas Public



1 Employees' Retirement System, is amended to read as follows:

2 (27) "Nonstate employees" means county employees, municipal
3 employees, rural waterworks facilities board employees, regional airport
4 authority employees, public facilities board employees, regional solid waste
5 management board employees, joint county and municipal sanitation authority
6 employees, regional water distribution board employees, the employees of
7 economic development districts recognized as planning and development
8 districts under § 14-166-202, school employees, public water authority
9 employees, and the employees of the Intergovernmental Juvenile Detention
10 Council;

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12 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 24-4-101(29), concerning the definition of
13 "participating public employer" and other definitions applicable to the
14 Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System, is amended to read as follows:

15 (29) "Participating public employer" means:

16 (A) Any county, municipality, rural waterworks facilities
17 board, regional airport authority, public facilities board, regional solid
18 waste management board, joint county and municipal sanitation authority,
19 suburban improvement district under § 14-92-502, public water authority, or
20 regional water distribution board in the state whose employees are included
21 in the membership of the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System;

22 (B) The employees of the Intergovernmental Juvenile
23 Detention Council of the Tenth Judicial District who are included in the
24 membership of the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System; or

25 (C) A public rehabilitative services corporation or local
26 unit of government as provided for in § 24-4-746;

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28 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 24-4-101, concerning definitions applicable
29 to the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System, is amended to add an
30 additional subdivision to read as follows:

31 (46) "Public water authority" means a public water authority
32 created under the Water Authority Act, § 4-35-101 et seq., that has elected
33 by a majority vote of its board of directors to participate in the Arkansas
34 Public Employees' Retirement System.

35 APPROVED: 3/13/19