

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1354

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE REMOLE.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 278, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to retirement benefits for employees of soil and water districts.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 278, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 278.157, to read as follows:

278.157. 1. **Notwithstanding the provisions of section 70.600 to the contrary, a soil
2 and water conservation district organized under sections 278.060 to 278.155 shall be
3 considered a political subdivision for the purposes of sections 70.600 to 70.755, and
4 employees of such a soil and water conservation district shall be eligible for membership
5 in the Missouri local government employees' retirement system upon the soil and water
6 district becoming an "employer" as defined in subdivision (11) of section 70.600.**

7 2. **Upon receipt of referendum results in favor of the disestablishment of a soil and
8 water conservation district under section 278.150, and upon a finding that all outstanding
9 indebtedness of the soil and water conservation district has been paid, including moneys
10 owed to any retirement plan or system in which the district participates and has pledged
11 to pay for the unfunded accrued liability of its past and current employees, and all unspent
12 funds have been distributed in accordance with section 278.150, or that adequate provision
13 has been made therefor, the soil and water commission shall declare the district to be
14 disestablished. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 278.150, the soil and water
15 commission shall not declare the district to be disestablished until the requirements of this
16 subsection have been met.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.