

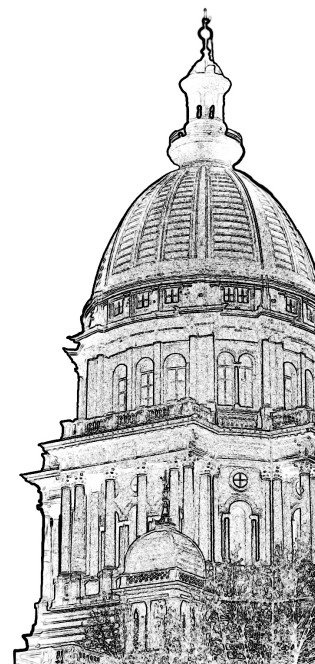


Government Employee Pension Reform Amendment

Sponsored by Speaker Michael J. Madigan

FACT SHEET

- House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 5 amends the Illinois Constitution to require a 3/5 super-majority vote of both legislative chambers to increase a pension benefit.
- If the Governor vetoes a bill that increases a pension benefit, then the bill must receive a 2/3 super-majority vote to override the veto.
- In addition, an ordinance, resolution, or any other action taken by a school board, municipality, or any other local government entity that increases pension benefits for local government or school employees will not be valid without the concurrence of a 3/5 majority of that governing body.
- A “benefit increase” is defined as any bill, ordinance, resolution, or other action that increases the amount of an existing benefit, adds a new benefit, or expands the class of persons eligible for a benefit, regardless of whether it includes an increase in contributions or a reduction in any other benefit.
- Supporters of the measure include:
 - Barrington Area Council of Governments
 - DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference
 - Illinois Library Association
 - Illinois Municipal League
 - Lake County Municipal League
 - Metro Counties of Illinois
 - Metro West Council of Government
 - Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
 - Northwest Municipal Conference
 - Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities
 - South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association
 - Southwest Conference of Mayors
 - Southwest Illinois Council of Mayors
 - Taxpayers Federation of Illinois
 - Township Officials of Illinois
 - West Central Municipal Conference
 - Will County Governmental League



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