

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Avakian, Beyer, Gordly, Monroe, Prozanski

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/4, 4/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows former spouses of judges to receive benefits under the Public Employment Retirement System (PERS). Allows all or part of pension payable to surviving spouse, payable to former spouse. Allows such election before or after retirement. Requires that current spouse give written consent. Provides that if judge dies without a spouse, the former spouse receives life pension specified in election. Provides that if judge dies leaving surviving spouse, the surviving spouse receives no benefit if judge elected that entire pension to go to former spouse, or surviving spouse receives only the portion not paid to former spouse following the death of the former spouse.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Inequity for judges
- History of merging judges pension system with PERS

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the original measure.

BACKGROUND: Currently the Public Employees Retirement Benefit System allows for survivor benefits for all employees except judges. SB 872 A makes the benefit for judges comparable to other employees.