

## **HB 4115 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **House Committee On Business and Labor**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Prohibits statewide elected official, judge of Supreme Court or Court of Appeals or legislator from becoming member of Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) on or after July 1, 2018. Provides that these people may not accrue benefits under PERS for purpose of their service as a statewide elected official, judge or legislator on or after July 1, 2018. Declare emergency, effective on passage.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

##### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Replaces original measure.

Allows statewide elected officials to choose to join or remain in PERS if they are already an active or retired member or to have benefits contributed to the deferred compensation plan or to decline both plans. Applies to statewide elected officials who take office on or after the effective date of this Act.

Allows judges to decline to become or remain a judge member of PERS and elect to become or remain a member of the state deferred compensation plan or to decline both plans. Applies to judges who take office on or after the effective date of this Act.

Makes no changes to existing choices legislators have regarding retirement benefits.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

##### **BACKGROUND:**

Under current statutes, a statewide elected official is treated the same as other public employees for purposes eligibility under the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). There is not an option for public employees to decline membership in PERS. Legislators are allowed to decline participation in PERS for their legislative service. Judges enter the judge member program when they take the bench.