

1.1 ..... moves to amend S.F. No. 2620, the second engrossment, as follows:

1.2 Page 187, after line 11, insert:

1.3 "Sec. 29. MORATORIUM ON VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER RELIEF  
1.4 ASSOCIATION DISSOLUTIONS AND PLAN CONVERSIONS.

1.5 (a) No volunteer firefighter relief association shall dissolve under Minnesota Statutes,  
1.6 chapter 424B, or convert from a defined benefit plan to a defined contribution plan for one  
1.7 year from the date of enactment of this section.

1.8 (b) The Office of State Auditor shall provide notice to all relief associations in the state  
1.9 regarding the restrictions of paragraph (a) and shall include a copy of this law with the  
1.10 notice.

1.11 (c) Paragraph (a) shall not apply to the Maplewood Firefighters Relief Association.

1.12 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

1.13 Sec. 30. RELIEF ASSOCIATION WORK GROUP.

1.14 (a) The executive director of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement  
1.15 shall convene a work group immediately following the end of the regular 2018 legislative  
1.16 session to study the following:

1.17 (1) the statutes governing conversions from a defined benefit plan to a defined  
1.18 contribution plan and aspects of such conversions that are not addressed or that are addressed  
1.19 by statutes that are ambiguous or unclear;

1.20 (2) the statutes governing dissolution of relief associations and the disposition of surplus  
1.21 assets;

2.1 (3) the prevalence of overfunded defined benefit relief associations in the state and the  
2.2 status of transitions underway at fire departments in the state from using the services of  
2.3 volunteer firefighters to employing salaried firefighters;

2.4 (4) alternatives for determining accrued benefits, vesting, and surplus assets upon  
2.5 conversion and for allocating surplus assets among firefighters, the affiliated municipality,  
2.6 or the state in the form of a reversion of fire state aid;

2.7 (5) alternatives for legislation that amends or supplements the statutes identified in  
2.8 clauses (1) and (2); and

2.9 (6) any related issues identified by the work group.

2.10 (b) Members of the work group shall include as many of the following individuals as  
2.11 are available, not to exceed twelve individuals:

2.12 (1) at least two municipal officials, each from a municipality with an affiliated defined  
2.13 benefit relief association, designated by the League of Minnesota Cities;

2.14 (2) one representative from the League of Minnesota Cities;

2.15 (3) at least two fire chiefs, designated by the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association,  
2.16 from fire departments that use both volunteers covered by a defined benefit relief association  
2.17 and salaried firefighters covered by the public employees police and fire retirement plan;

2.18 (4) at least two active volunteer firefighters covered by a defined benefit relief association,  
2.19 designated by the Minnesota State Fire Departments Association;

2.20 (5) a fire chief or volunteer of an independent nonprofit firefighting corporation affiliated  
2.21 with a defined benefit relief association;

2.22 (6) one representative of the Office of the State Auditor, designated by the state auditor;  
2.23 and

2.24 (7) any other individual or individuals designated by the Legislative Commission on  
2.25 Pensions and Retirement.

2.26 (c) The work group shall elect a chair from among its members.

2.27 (d) The work group shall submit a report by December 31, 2018, that summarizes the  
2.28 findings of the work group and provides the work group's recommendations to the chair  
2.29 and vice-chair of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement.

2.30 (e) The work group shall disband as of the end of the 2019 legislative session and any  
2.31 special session thereafter.

- 3.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment."
- 3.2 Renumber the sections in sequence
- 3.3 Amend the title accordingly