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TO: MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT

FROM: Commission Staff

RE: Brief Summary of Pension Legislation in 1976

I. Bills Which Became Law in 1976

During the 1976 Session of the Minnesota Legislature, more than 80 bills which concerned pension matters were introduced and more than 85 bills carried over from the 1975 Session. In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 3.85, these bills were reviewed and analyzed by the commission members and staff.

Of the bills considered in 1976, 31 became law. They may be classified as shown below:

Statewide Funds	3 bills
First Class City Funds	3 bills
Local Police and Fire	6 bills
Volunteer Fire Funds	12 bills
Miscellaneous	7 bills

Provisions pertaining to the Statewide Funds, First Class City Funds, Local Police and Fire Funds, and Volunteer Fire Funds were included as amendments to various pension bills.

Several of the Laws enacted in 1976 represent significant pension changes, which are briefly reviewed in the following section.

II. Significant Changes

A. Statewide Funds

--A conditional extension of correctional employees employment beyond the age 55 mandatory retirement law to age 62 or July 1, 1980, whichever is earlier, was granted.

--Surviving spouse and surviving dependent child benefits for active constitutional officers were improved.

--A member of the Public Employees Police and Fire Fund was included on the PERA Board.

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--The purchase of service credit for maternity or parental leaves by TRA members was authorized.

--A limitation that each year of a member's high five years average salary shall not exceed the previous year's salary by more than 15 percent was adopted, effective July 1, 1977.

B. First Class City Funds

--Major benefit changes for the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association were approved, including an increased benefit formula and employee contribution rate effective July 1, 1976, coordination with social security for all new teachers after July 1, 1977, and benefit increases for teachers who have already retired.

--A provision allowing the Duluth Teachers Retirement Fund Association to accept the repayment of refunds was authorized.

C. Local Police and Paid Fire Funds

--Two local police funds, Austin and Buhl, and one paid fire fund, Austin, were placed on a phase out basis, with new employees covered by the PERA Police and Fire Funds. Surviving spouse benefit reinstatement provisions, survivor benefit increases, and post retirement adjustments constituted the most numerous changes for the remaining funds.

--Police state aid was increased to the full 2% insurance premium tax and the distribution system was changed from the population--property valuation method used for the fire state aid to a per capita (number of police officers) method. Use of the state aid was restricted to pension purposes.

D. Volunteer Fire Funds

--The statutory lump sum and monthly benefit maximums for volunteer firemen's relief associations were increased to \$600 per year of service and \$80 per month, respectively.

E. Miscellaneous

--Disabilitants, annuitants, and survivors of most statewide and first class city funds who began receiving benefits prior to July 1, 1973 will receive a post retirement increase calculated on a formula that recognizes both length of service and length of retirement.

--Individuals who retired between May 1, 1975 and January 1, 1976 and who were unable to elect the combined service annuity prior to retirement are permitted to elect the combined service annuity and repay any refund.

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TO: LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT MEMBERS

FROM: Commission Staff

RE: Changes Enacted by the 1976 Legislature Pertaining to Retirement Funds in Cities of the First Class

A number of bills relating to retirement funds in cities of the first class were acted upon by the 1976 Legislature.

1. Minnesota Municipal Employees Retirement Fund (MMER), Laws 1975, Chapter 130 (H.F. No. 2155) extends to MMER the proportionate annuity for employees who are required to retire because of a mandatory retirement law at age 65 with less than the 10 years service required for vesting but with at least 3 years service.

Laws 1975, Chapter 279, Sections 1, 2 and 4, (H. F. No. 2159) replaces the terms "widow" and "widower" with the term "surviving spouse" and repeals the separate set of conditions for receipt of benefits by widowers which previously existed.

2. Teachers' Retirement Fund Association in Cities of the First Class, Laws 1975, Chapter 238 (H. F. No. 2230) makes a number of changes with respect to the Duluth, Minneapolis and St. Paul Teacher Retirement Fund Associations as a group and individually.
 - a. In General--

The total freeze on bylaw and article changes enacted in 1975 was modified to allow any of the three funds to make bylaw amendments of an administrative nature without legislative or local government approval, but legislative approval would be required for all amendments to the bylaws which affect benefits, contributions, or actuarial assumptions.
 - b. Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association--

A major benefit increase was authorized, providing that for active teachers covered by the fund, the pension formula will be increased from 1.67% to 2.25% of high five salary for each year of service with a maximum of thirty years. The commencement age for the 1.5% annual automatic post retirement adjustment was reduced from age 72 to age 65 with a minimum of two years on retirement. Teachers who retired between May 1, 1974 and the effective date of the changes can elect to have their retirement benefits recalculated under the new law. Teachers who retired before May 1, 1974 are entitled to a 10% across the board annuity increase.

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b. continued

Minneapolis teachers first hired after July 1, 1977 shall become coordinated members, with part of their pension coverage provided by social security. Their pension coverage from the Minneapolis fund will be identical to the TRA coordinated plan. Any teacher hired before July 1, 1977 can elect the coordinated plan coverage.

Numerous purely administrative changes (e.g. date for the annual pension fund meeting) were also authorized.

c. St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association--

Numerous administrative changes and minor benefit increases were authorized. The payment of interest is required on the repayment of refunds. Teachers utilizing the combined service annuity are allowed a refund of any purchases of outside service they may have made. For determining the average salary for the proportionate annuity, the actual number of years of salary is used if the teacher had less than five years service. The requirement of rounding months of service and benefit dollars was eliminated. The requirement that survivor benefits be terminated upon remarriage was also eliminated. Employees of the retirement association and labor representatives were allowed to become members of the association, and purchase credit for prior service.

A post retirement adjustment for all St. Paul teachers who retired before January 1, 1970 was provided for by Laws 1976, Chapter _____ (S. F. No. 2014). Upon attainment of age 70, annual payments for retirees will be increased by \$4.50 for each full year of allowable service and \$9.00 for each year which has elapsed since retirement. The increase in annual payments for survivors is one half of the increase the retiree would have been entitled to receive. The increase is effective July 1, 1976.

d. Duluth Teachers Retirement Fund Association--

The acceptance of the repayment of refunds was authorized, allowing a teacher who had terminated service and accepted a refund to reinstate the previous service upon obtaining two years service and repaying the refund with 6% interest. A teacher with Duluth service for which a refund had been taken who is covered by another public pension fund other than a police and fire fund can repay the refund and reinstate Duluth service for purposes of the combined service annuity.

A post retirement adjustment for all Duluth teachers who retired before July 1, 1971 was provided for by Laws 1976, Chapter _____ (S. F. No. 2014). Annual payments for retirees will be increased by \$1.20 for each full year of allowable service and \$2.40 for each year has elapsed since retirement. The increase in annual payments for survivors is one half of the increase the retiree would have been entitled to receive. The increase is effective July 1, 1976.

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TO: MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT

FROM: Commission Staff

RE: Changes Enacted by the 1976 Legislature Pertaining to the Major Statewide Retirement Funds

The Statewide Funds Administrative Bill (S. F. No. 2177, Laws 1975, Chapter) made a number of changes in the laws governing the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS), Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA), and the Teachers Retirement Association (TRA).

1. MSRS

a. Regular MSRS Employees Fund

The exclusions from MSRS regular fund coverage were clarified, specifying that all temporary legislative employees, all temporary unclassified employees employed for not more than six months in any one year, temporary adjutant general employees, hourly laborer 1 employees, persons employed in student worker positions as designated by the personnel department, and any persons over age 65 without previous service credit (unless the employee elects coverage) were excluded from coverage.

b. Correctional Employees Plan

A correctional employee may be employed beyond the age 55 mandatory retirement age for a period not to exceed the earlier of reaching age 62 or July 1, 1980, if the employee submits a medical exam made at his own expense and if the continuation is approved by the commissioner of corrections.

c. Constitutional Officers' Plan

Survivor benefits were made payable in the event that a constitutional officer or elected public service commissioner dies while in office, dropping the previous requirement of eight years of service for any survivor benefits to vest. (The eight years service requirement still applies to former members who die after termination of service.) Benefits paid to a surviving dependent child may continue between the ages of 18 and 22 if the surviving child is a full time student. Employee contributions were increased from 7% to 8% of salary.

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d. Unclassified Employees Retirement Plan

State unclassified positions at the deputy, assistant head, or director level which are created additionally pursuant to statute were specifically included in the unclassified plan. Also included in coverage by the unclassified plan are the chairman and chief administrator of the metro waste control commission, the chairman and executive director of the metro council, and 9 positions at the division director or administrative deputy level for each agency.

2. PERA

The exclusions from PERA coverage for religious belief or part time employment by full time students were clarified. Interest at the rate of 6% was imposed on payment of employee, employer, and employer additional contributions for leaves of absence without pay. Provision was made for the inclusion of a member of the Public Employees Police and Fire Fund on the PERA Board. Terms of PERA Board members were extended until no later than October 1, 1977, to allow for the development of a new method of board elections to replace the present at-large method. Retroactivity of payments in the case of late applications for benefits was increased from one month to three months. The position of medical advisor for PERA was created. The provisions relating to disabilitants going on retired status from either PERA PERA P & F were clarified to allow them to choose optional annuities. The provision relating to the repayment of refunds was also clarified, providing for the repayment to include any interest paid to the member when the refund was made. PERA coverage was extended to employees of the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association. Hennepin county employees with less than 10 years of service who are retired after age 65 were included in the proportionate annuity law.

3 TRA

A provision was added authorizing the purchase of service credit for maternity or parental leaves. Also, school districts were authorized to employ a retired teacher as a substitute without being affected by TRA's mandatory retirement age provision until the substitute has earned in excess of \$3,000 in an academic year, but the re-employed teacher would not resume membership in TRA.

4. Statewide Funds Generally

Effective July 1, 1977, a limitation was placed on the average salary used for calculating retirement benefits, providing that each year's salary used in calculating the highest five successive years average cannot exceed the previous year's salary by more than fifteen per cent. In addition, any person who retired from a fund covered by the combined service annuity between May 1, 1975 and January 1, 1976 and failed to elect the combined service annuity may elect the combined service annuity and repay any refund until January 1, 1977.

TO: Members of the Minnesota Legislature

FROM: Donald Moe, Chairman, LCPR

RE: Post Retirement Increases for Pre July 1, 1973 Retirees

DATE: April 13, 1976

Laws 1976, Chapter _____ (SF 2014) provides for post retirement increases to be paid to those retirees of various public pension funds who retired prior to the effective date of the most recent major benefit improvement in their respective retirement plan, principally the July 1, 1973 change from a "career average" formula to a "high five years average" formula for the major statewide retirement funds. The increase applies to the following retirement funds and individuals:

Fund	Retirement Annuitant Disabilitant, or joint and survivor beneficiary under laws prior to:	Survivor beneficiary of active member who died prior to:	Additional Requirements
1. Highway Patrolmen's Retirement Fund	June 1, 1973	June 1, 1973	none
2. Public Employees Police and Fire Fund (PERA PAF)	July 1, 1973	July 1, 1973	none
3. Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA)	July 1, 1973	July 1, 1973	none
4. Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS)	July 1, 1973	July 1, 1973	none
5. Teachers Retirement Association (TRA)	July 1, 1973	July 1, 1973	none
6. Minneapolis Municipal Employees Retirement Fund (MMER)	June 27, 1973	April 25, 1959	No increase if member's annuity exceeds or exceeded \$300.00 per month
7. Legislators' Retirement Plan	July 1, 1973	July 1, 1973	none
8. St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association	January 1, 1970	January 1, 1970	Increase does not begin until the attainment of age 70
9. Duluth Teachers Retirement Fund Association	July 1, 1971	July 1, 1971	none

(Although not included in this increase, retirement annuitants and survivor beneficiaries of the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association prior to May 1, 1974 are entitled to a 10 per cent across the board post retirement increase under Laws 1976, Chapter 238 (HF2230). Retirement annuitants and survivor beneficiaries after May 1, 1974 are entitled to elect the revised benefit formula authorized in that act.) The increase is based on a formula which recognizes both years of service and years which have elapsed since retirement, and which varies depending on whether the retiree was a basic member (not covered by social security) or coordinated (covered by social security, with social security increases indexed to the cost of living). For basic retirement annuitants and disabilitants, the increase in annual payments is \$4.50 for each full year of allowable service and \$9.00 for each year which has elapsed since retirement. For coordinated retirement annuitants and disabilitants, the increase in annual payments is \$1.20 for each full year of allowable service and \$2.40 for each year which has elapsed since retirement. For survivors entitled to an increase, the increase is one-half of the full increase the disabilitant or retirement annuitant would have been entitled to receive.

The following illustrates the application of the increase formula for various years of service and years on retirement. The figure given is the increase in annual payments to the recipient.

	10 years of service 5 years on retirement	20 years of service 5 years on retirement	30 years of service 5 years on retirement	10 years of service 10 years on retirement	20 years of service 10 years on retirement	30 years of service 10 years on retirement	10 years of service 15 years on retirement	20 years of service 15 years on retirement	30 years of service 15 years on retirement
Basic Disibilitant or retirement annuitant	\$90.00	\$135.00	\$180.00	\$135.00	\$180.00	\$225.00	\$180.00	\$225.00	\$270.00
Coordinated Dis- abilitant or retirement annuitant	\$24.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 72.00
Basic Survivor Beneficiary	\$45.00	\$ 67.50	\$ 90.00	\$ 67.50	\$ 90.00	\$112.50	\$ 90.00	\$112.50	\$135.00
Coordinated Survivor Beneficiary	\$12.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 36.00

The increase is effective July 1, 1976, and is payable before November 1, 1976.

The total cost of the increase is \$21,207,456, financed by a general fund appropriation. This appropriation constitutes the entire reserves needed to pay the increases over the entire remaining lifetimes of the recipients. The appropriation is apportioned as follows:

Highway Patrolmen's Fund	\$ 237,356.
PERA Police and Fire Fund	\$ 359,302.
PERA	\$ 8,668,197.
MSRS	\$ 2,216,377.
TRA	\$ 5,612,272.
Minneapolis Municipal Employees Fund	\$ 2,740,752.
Legislators' Plan	\$ 44,158.
St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund	\$ 942,137.
Duluth Teachers Retirement Fund	\$ 386,905.
	<u>\$21,207,456.</u>

The total estimated number of recipients from all funds (not including Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association receiving increases under Laws 1976, Chapter 238) is 22,187.

TO: Larry Bye

FROM: John Mandeville, Exec. Sec.
Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

RE: Summary of Pension Accomplishments Since 1973

This is in response to your request for a summary of Senator Chenoweth's major pension accomplishments. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sen. Chenoweth assumed a position of legislative leadership on pension matters in 1973. Since January 1973 he has served continuously as chairman of the Subcommittee on Pensions and Retirement in the Senate. He has also been for the past four years a member of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement (a permanent study commission with joint Senate-House representation), having served as its chairman in 1973 and 1975 and its vice-chairman in 1974.

Following are the major pension law changes which Sen. Chenoweth has been instrumental in accomplishing:

1. Major Statewide Plans.

The major statewide public employee pension plans have become more adequate in terms of benefit levels, simpler to understand, and more consistent with each other.

In 1973, the legislature eliminated from the major plans the old, career-salary-based benefit formulas (each of which differed from the others, and all of which ranked among the lowest in the nation) and replaced them with a uniform benefit formula based on final (highest-five-year-average) salary. In addition, early retirement opportunities were improved for employees with 30 years or more of public service; a 25% benefit increase was provided for everyone already receiving a benefit as of 1973; and employee and employer contributions were increased in order to pay for the substantial benefit improvements on an actuarially sound basis; and the public employee labor relations law was changed to exclude pensions from the scope of collective bargaining.

In 1974, progress toward uniformity among the major pension plans was continued by recodifying and simplifying the laws which govern Teachers Retirement Association, and by establishing a uniform rate of augmentation for deferred annuities of the major plans. Also, survivor benefits for members not covered by social security were improved by increasing the maximum monthly benefit limit from \$400 to \$450.

In 1975, a major pension portability provision was enacted, allowing persons with a combination of public service covered by several different pension funds to receive retirement benefits as if all service had been covered by a single fund. Survivor benefits payable until remarriage to spouses of members not covered by social security were improved by allowing reinstatement of benefits after termination of the second marriage. Employees retiring because of mandatory retirement laws were made eligible for pro-rated retirement annuities with only three years of service. (Previously no one with less than ten years of service could qualify for an annuity.) Mandatory retirement at age 65, previously required by law only for employees of the state covered by MSRS and employees of a few governmental subdivisions, was extended to teachers and state employees covered by TRA. A supplementary benefit payment for pre-1973 retirees, and survivor beneficiaries of the major plans was provided--\$100 for those not covered by social security, \$50 for those covered by social security. The annual post-retirement earnings limitation for MSRS and PERA retirees was increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000. And the optional supplementary, deferred compensation plan for state employees was broadened to include employees of all governmental subdivisions.

And in 1976, a bill appropriating \$21.2 million from the state's general fund was enacted, allowing further benefit improvements for retirees, disabilitants, and survivors who began drawing benefits prior to 1973.

3. First-Class-City Funds for Municipal Employees and Teachers

- a. A separate pension plan for employees of the St. Paul Bureau of Health was eliminated, with coverage being taken over by PERA.
- b. Separate pension coverage remains for general employees of the City of Minneapolis. Their pension plan (MMER) has been improved in accordance with the changes made for employees covered by the major statewide pension plans.
- c. Public school teachers in the three first-class cities retain their separate pension plans, but the legislature has assumed the responsibility of appropriating employer contributions and for reviewing proposed benefit improvements; the age 65 mandatory retirement provision has been extended to cover first-class city teachers; major benefit and contribution increases similar to those for the statewide funds have been enacted for teachers in Minneapolis; and pre-1973 annuitants of all three local teacher funds have received post-retirement increases.

Bills Making Substantial Changes in First-Class City Pension Plans

Laws 1973

- Chap. 770 (H.F. 2447)
MMER Improvements
- Chap. 767 H.F. 2381)
St. Paul Bureau of Health into PERA

Laws 1974

- Chap. 73 (S.F. 2823)
MMER Improvements

Laws 1975

- Chap. 306 (S.F. 469; Sen. Chenoweth chief author)
State Assumption of Employer Obligations for First-Class
City Teacher Funds

Laws 1976

- Chap. 238 (H.F. 2230)
Improvements in the Minneapolis Teachers' Pension Plan

2. Smaller Statewide Funds

The laws governing a number of smaller statewide pension plans which cover limited groups of public employees have been changed as follows:

- a. The administrative responsibility for most of the smaller funds has been centralized with the Executive Director of MSRS
- b. Benefit improvements and contribution rate increases paralleling those for the major statewide pension plans have been enacted.
- c. And special post-retirement increase provisions for judges were eliminated, so that judges now participate in the same post-retirement adjustment plan as other public employees.

Bills Making Substantial Changes in the Smaller Statewide Pension Plans

Laws 1973

- Chap. 178 (H.F. 821; Sen. Chenoweth chief author of companion S.F. 728)
Administration of Highway Patrol Fund Transferred to MSRS
- Chap. 755 (H.F. 1906)
Major Highway Patrol Benefit Improvements
- Chap. 653 (H.F. 1355); Sen. Chenoweth chief author of companion S.F. 1438)
Establishment of Correctional Officers' Pension Plan Within MSRS

Laws 1974

- Chap. 445 (H.F. 3060; Sen. Chenoweth chief author of companion S.F. 3007)
Administration of Judges', Legislators', and Constitutional Officers' Pension Plans Transferred to MSRS

Laws 1975

- Chap. 418 (H.F. 1313; Sen. Chenoweth chief author of companion S.F. 1062)
Judges' Plan Post-Retirement Adjustment Limitations
- Chap. 368 (H.F. 593; Sen. Chenoweth chief author of companion S.F. 349)
Improvements in the Legislators', Highway Patrol, and Unclassified Employees' Plans

Laws 1976

- Chap. 329 (S.F. 2177)
Improvements in the Constitutional Officers' Plan

Bills Making Substantial Changes in the Major Statewide Pension Plans

Laws 1973

- Chap. 753 (H.F. 1673; Sen. Chenoweth chief author of companion S.F. 1615)
Major PERA Benefit Improvements
- Chap. 728 (H.F. 358; Sen. Chenoweth chief author of companion S.F. 472)
Major TRA Benefit Improvements
- Chap. 653 (H.F. 1355; Sen. Chenoweth chief author of companion S.F. 1438)
Major MSRS Benefit Improvements
- Chap. 635 (H.F. 295) - Pensions Excluded From Public Employee Bargaining

Laws 1974

- Chap. 289 (S.F. 3033, Sen. Chenoweth chief author)
TRA Recodification
- Chap. 229 (S.F. 3144, Sen. Chenoweth chief author)
PERA Improvements

Laws 1975

- Chap. 232 (H.F. 581; Sen. Chenoweth chief author of companion S.F. 471)
Combined Service Annuity
- Chap. 183 (H.F. 583; Sen. Chenoweth chief author of companion S.F. 365)
Proportionate Annuity at Mandatory Retirement;
Reinstatement of Surviving Spouses' Benefit
- Chap. 306 (S.F. 469; Sen. Chenoweth chief author)
TRA Mandatory Retirement at Age 65;
Supplement for Pre-1973 Retirees
- Chap. 102 (H.F. 584; Sen. Chenoweth chief author of companion S.F. 468)
PERA Improvements
- Chap. 368 (H.F. 593; Sen. Chenoweth chief author of companion S.F. 349)
MSRS Improvements
- Chap. 273 (S.F. 366; Sen. Chenoweth chief author)
Deferred Compensation Plan for Governmental Subdivisions

Laws 1976

- Chap. 326 (S.F. 2014; Sen. Chenoweth chief author)
Increases for Pre-1973 Retirees

4. Local Police and Fire Funds

- a. Improvements in pension plan benefits for volunteer firefighters have been enabled by changes in the statutory benefit limits, thereby reducing the need for numerous pieces of special legislation.
- b. More than one-quarter of the local pension plans for police officers and salaried firefighters have been either eliminated (by instituting PERA coverage for all members) or placed on a phase-out basis (with all new members covered by PERA).
- c. A general law was enacted prohibiting the establishment of additional local pension plans, such as those for police officers and salaried fire fighters, allowing new local plans only for volunteer firefighters.
- d. The police and fire pension burden on local property taxes has been alleviated by an updating of the laws prescribing actuarial assumptions and by doubling of the state aid to cities for police pensions.

Bills Making Substantial Changes in Local Police and Fire Pension Plans

Laws 1973

- Chap. 772 (H.F. 2472)
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions for Police and Fire Plans
- Chap. 290 (H.F. 1727)
Increase in Statutory Benefit Maximum for Volunteer Fire Plans

Laws 1975

- Chap. 405 (H.F. 1073; Sen. Chenoweth chief author of companion S.F. 1066)
Prohibition against new local pension plans

Laws 1976

- Chap. 315 (S.F. 2309; Sen. Chenoweth chief author)
Increase in State Aid for Police Pensions
Increase in Statutory Benefit Maximum for Volunteer Fire Plans

Bills Enacted During the 1976 Session Concerning Pension Matters

PERA	Chap. 329	(SF 2177, Sec. 12-28, 32-35)	Administrative Provisions
TRA	Chap. 329	(SF 2177, Sec. 29-33)	Administrative Provisions
MSRS	Chap. 329	(SF 2177, Sec. 1-11, 32-33)	Administrative Provisions
	Chap. 81	(SF 612)	Unclassified Plan, withdrawal of shares
Judges	Chap. 194 ²⁹³	(HF 2534, Sec. 1)	Chisago Isanti, Pine County Judges
1st Class	Chap. 130	(HF 2155)	Mpls. Municipal, Proportionate Annuity
City Funds	Chap. 279	(HF 2159, Sec. 1-2)	Mpls. Municipal, Survivor benefits
	Chap. 238	(HF 2230)	Teachers Retirement Fund Associations in Cities of the 1st Class, bylaw authorization
Local Police & Fire Funds	Chap. 247	(HF 771)	Albert Lea Police, Police Chief in PERA Police & Fire
	Chap. 35	(HF 1191)	Austin Police & Fire, new employees into PERA P & F
	Chap. 247	(HF 771, Sec. 2)	Buhl Police, new employees into PERA P&F
	Chap. 78	(HF 2009, Sec. 2-3)	Chisholm Police & Fire, Pre 1971 survivor benefits increase
	Chap. 85	(SF 1576)	Crookston Police, survivor benefit increase
	Chap. 78	(HF 2009, Sec. 4-5)	Duluth Fire, surviving spouse reinstatement
	Chap. 99	(HF 2010, Sec. 2-3)	Duluth Police, surviving spouse reinstatement
	Chap. 78	(HF 2009, Sec. 1)	Eveleth Fire, post retirement adjustment
	Chap. 99	(HF 2010, Sec. 1)	Eveleth Police, post retirement adjustment
	Chap. 85	(SF 1576)	Thief River Falls Police, survivor benefit increase
	Chap. 315	(SF 2309)	Police State Aid increase and per capita distribution
Volunteer Fire Funds	Chap. 71	(HF 1961)	Chanhassen, monthly benefit increase
	Chap. 214	(HF 2338)	Fergus Falls, lump sum increase
	Chap. 70	(HF 1960)	Goodview, incorporation date
	Chap. 97	(HF 1963)	Mound, monthly benefit increase retro-activity
	Chap. 272	(HF 2007, Sec. 2)	Newport, monthly benefit increase
	Chap. 209	(HF 1967)	Rockford, proportionate early vesting
	Chap. 288	(HF 2321)	Sauk Rapids, lump sum increase
	Chap. 267	(HF 1918)	Shakopee, lump sum increase
	Chap. 208	(HF 1962)	Wadena, monthly benefit increase
	Chap. 206	(HF 1913)	Waseca, lump sum increase
	Chap. 272	(HF 2007)	Wayzata, lump sum increase
	Chap. 100	(HF 2090)	Worthington, monthly benefit increase
	Chap. 95	(HF 595)	Volunteer Fire, salary for fund president
	Chap. 315	(SF 2309, Sec. 8)	Volunteer Fire, lump sum & monthly benefit increase
Miscellaneous	Chap. 326	(SF 2014)	Pre '73 post retirement adjustment
	Chap. 129	(HF 1870)	Repeal of 2% charge on individual tax sheltered annuities
	Chap. 232	(HF 1271)	Transfer of Private Construction Worker pension funds
	Chap. 271	(HF 1997)	School District levy limit exception for social security
	Chap. 239	(HF 2441)	Revisor Bill
	Chap. 44	(SF 375)	Municipal law revision
	Chap. 121	(HF 290)	Sexual Discrimination in insurance law terminology