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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1658

Introduced by Assembly Member Lieu

January 19, 2010

An act to amend Section 31639.7 of the Government Code, relating to public retirement.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1658, as amended, Lieu. County employees' retirement: service credit: safety members.

The County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 authorizes a member of that system who becomes a safety member by operation of a specified law to receive service credit, as a safety member, for duties performed, prior to the change in law, which, under current law constitutes service as a safety member. Existing law requires a member that elects to receive the service credit to pay an amount equal to the contributions the member would have made for that service, plus interest.

This bill would authorize specified members in the County of Los Angeles that become safety members by operation of a specified consolidation of departments within that county to receive service credit, as a safety member, for duties performed as an officer prior to the consolidation. This bill would require a member that elects to receive the service credit to pay an amount equal to the contributions, *together with the regular interest* the member would have made for that service, *either* by a lump sum payment or by installment payments.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31639.7 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:

3 31639.7. (a) If a member not previously within the field of
4 membership as a safety member is brought within such field of
5 safety membership by amendment to this chapter, he *or she* may
6 receive credit as a safety member for all or any part of the time
7 during which his *or her* duties would have made him *or her* eligible
8 to become a safety member if ~~such~~ *the* amendment had then been
9 in effect by filing with the board at the time he *or she* elects to
10 become a safety member his *or her* election to pay into the
11 retirement fund an amount equal to the difference between the
12 contributions actually made during the time for which he *or she*
13 claims credit and the contributions he *or she* would have made
14 during ~~such~~ *that* time, including all additional contributions, if
15 any, required by Article 7.5 of this chapter, had he *or she* been a
16 safety member, together with regular interest on the amount
17 required to be deposited.

18 (b) If a member not previously within the field of membership
19 as a Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff is brought into that field
20 of membership by a consolidation of the Los Angeles County
21 Office of Public Safety with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's
22 Department, that member may receive additional credit as a safety
23 member for all or any part of the time that member served as an
24 officer with the Los Angeles County Office of Public Safety if that
25 member makes an election to fund an amount equal to the
26 difference ~~between the contributions the member actually made~~
27 ~~during the time for which the member claims the credit and the~~
28 ~~contributions that the member would have made during that same~~
29 ~~period of time.~~ *between the member and employer contributions*
30 *actually made as a general member and the member and employer*
31 *contributions made for the time in which he or she claims credit,*
32 *together with regular interest on the amount required to be*
33 *deposited.* The member may elect to fund the contributions by
34 either a lump sum payment or by installment payments. No other
35 restrictions shall be placed on a member's election to receive
36 additional credit as authorized by this subdivision.

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