

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2347

Introduced by

Senators Grindberg, C. Nelson, B. Stenehjem

Representatives Berg, Ekstrom

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 18-11 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to alternate firefighters relief association plan benefits; to provide for
3 retroactive application; to provide an expiration date; and to declare an emergency.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 18-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Service pensions - Formulation of optional plan.** With the consent of the governing
8 body of the city involved, and in substitution for a pension payment schedule provided in
9 section 18-11-15, a firefighters relief association may adopt a monthly service pension plan for
10 members of the association as provided in this section.

- 11 1. Retirement date is the first day of the month next following the month in which the
12 member attains the age of fifty-five years.
- 13 2. Retirement benefits for members reaching the retirement date equal an annual
14 amount, payable monthly, comprised of a service benefit that equals two and
15 thirty-three hundredths percent of a first-class firefighter's salary at the time of the
16 member's retirement multiplied by the number of years of service employment up
17 to a maximum of thirty years.
- 18 3. Upon termination of employment after completing ten years of eligible employment
19 but before the retirement date, a member is eligible to receive deferred vested
20 retirement benefits payable commencing on the retirement date equal to one
21 hundred percent of the member's accrued benefits.
- 22 4. Members participating in a firefighters relief association paying a monthly service
23 pension to members of the association under this section must serve ten years
24 before they are eligible for a service pension.

1 5. Upon the recommendation of the association's actuary, the association may
2 implement postretirement adjustments on an actuarially sound basis to pensioners
3 and beneficiaries under the plan.

4 **SECTION 2. RETROACTIVE APPLICATION OF ACT.** This Act is retroactive to
5 January 1, 1998.

6 **SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through July 31, 2001, and
7 after that date is ineffective.

8 **SECTION 4. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.