

HOUSE BILL No. 2602

AN ACT concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas public employees retirement system; increasing the percentage of unclassified employees allowed to be employed by the system; amending K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 74-4908 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 74-4908 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-4908. (1) The board shall appoint an executive director and shall establish the compensation therefor. Subject to the direction of the board, the executive director shall be the managing officer of the system and as such shall have charge of the office, records and supervision and direction of the employees of the system. The executive director shall be in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act.

(2) The executive director shall recommend to the board the administrative organization, the number and qualifications of employees necessary to carry out the intent of this act and the directions of the board. Upon approval of the board, the executive director is authorized to employ such persons in accordance with the Kansas civil service act.

(3) The board of trustees shall select and employ or retain a qualified actuary who shall serve at its pleasure as its technical advisor on matters regarding operation of the system. The actuary shall:

(a) Make an annual valuation of the liabilities and reserves of the system, and a determination of the contributions required by the system to discharge its liabilities and administrative costs under this act, and recommend to the board rates of employer contributions required to establish and maintain the system on an actuarial reserve basis. Such recommended employer contributions shall not be based on any other purpose outside of the needs of the system as prescribed by this subsection.

(b) As soon after the effective date as practicable and once every three years thereafter, make a general investigation of the actuarial experience under the system including mortality, retirement, employment turnover and interest, and recommend actuarial tables for use in valuations and in calculating actuarial equivalent values based on such investigation.

(c) Cooperate with and provide any assistance to the actuary, the legislative coordinating council and the joint committee on pensions, investments and benefits related to the independent actuarial audit and evaluation as provided in K.S.A. 74-4908a, and amendments thereto.

(d) Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the board.

(4) The attorney general of the state shall furnish such legal services as may be necessary upon receipt of a request from the board, except that legal services may be furnished by other counsel as the board in its discretion deems necessary and prudent.

(5) The board shall employ or retain qualified investment counsel or counselors or may negotiate with a trust company to assist and advise in the judicious investment of funds as herein provided.

(6) Subject to limitations imposed pursuant to this subsection and otherwise provided by law, the board may appoint such officers and employees necessary to advise and assist the board in the performance of powers, duties and functions relating to the management and investment of the fund and in such other matters as may be directed by the board. Such appointed officers and employees shall be in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act. ~~Not more than 25% of the total number of officers and employees appointed or employed by the system shall be in the unclassified service.~~ The provisions of this subsection shall not affect the classified status of any employee in the classified service under the Kansas civil service act who is employed on the date immediately preceding ~~the effective date of this act~~ *July 1, 2014*. The board is authorized to assign any new or vacant position created by the system on or after the effective date of this act to the classified or unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act. The compensation of such appointed officers and employees in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act shall be established by the board.

(7) The board may establish a program for the paying of bonus awards to unclassified officers and employees pursuant to procedures established by the board.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 74-4908 is hereby repealed.

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Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and passed that body

HOUSE concurred in
SENATE amendments _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE
as amended _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.