

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2775

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 25-11-116.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT CONSERVATION OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS WHO HAVE AT LEAST
4 TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE OR WHO ARE AT LEAST FIFTY-
5 FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND WHO RETIRE BEFORE JULY 1, 2002, SHALL BE
6 CREDITED WITH AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEARS OF SERVICE; AND FOR RELATED
7 PURPOSES.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

9 **SECTION 1.** The following provision shall be codified as

10 Section 25-11-116.1, Mississippi Code of 1972:

11 25-11-116.1. (1) Any member of the system who is a
12 conservation officer employed by the Department of Wildlife,
13 Fisheries and Parks who has twenty-five (25) years of creditable
14 service or who is at least fifty-five (55) years of age who
15 withdraws from service after the effective date of this section
16 and before July 1, 2002, and receives a retirement allowance shall
17 be credited with two (2) additional years of service in the
18 calculations of the annual retirement allowance.

19 (2) The Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall
20 contribute fourteen and three-quarters percent (14.75%) of the
21 compensation earned by the employee during the twenty-four (24)
22 months immediately preceding his withdrawal for the additional two
23 (2) years of creditable service as allowed in subsection (1). All
24 contributions and wage reports shall be filed with the retirement
25 system before the member can receive the additional creditable
26 service in the annual retirement allowance.

27 (3) The member's average compensation, as provided for in
28 Section 25-11-103(e), may include the compensation on which
29 additional contributions are paid.



30 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
31 and after its passage.

