

By: Senator(s) Chaney

To: Local and Private

SENATE BILL NO. 2996

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ANY SPOUSE WHO RECEIVED A SPOUSE
2 RETIREMENT BENEFIT FROM THE DISABILITY AND RELIEF FUND FOR FIREMEN
3 AND POLICEMEN OF THE CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI, BEFORE JULY
4 1, 2003, AND WHOSE BENEFITS WERE TERMINATED BECAUSE OF REMARRIAGE,
5 TO AGAIN RECEIVE HIS OR HER SPOUSE RETIREMENT BENEFIT; AND FOR
6 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) Subject to the provisions of subsections (2)
9 and (3) of this section, the governing authorities of the City of
10 Vicksburg, Mississippi, may authorize any spouse who received a
11 spouse retirement benefit under the provisions of Sections
12 21-29-145 and 21-29-147, Mississippi Code of 1972, from the
13 Disability and Relief Fund for Firemen and Policemen of the City
14 of Vicksburg before July 1, 2003, and whose benefits were
15 terminated because of remarriage, to again receive his or her
16 spouse retirement benefit from and after making application with
17 the board of trustees to reinstate the spouse retirement benefit.
18 Any reinstatement of the spouse retirement benefit shall be
19 prospective only from and after the first of the month following
20 the date of application for reinstatement.

21 (2) The spouse retirement benefits authorized under
22 subsection (1) of this section shall not be reinstated unless the
23 Disability and Relief Fund for Firemen and Policemen of the City
24 of Vicksburg is actuarially sound, as shown by the most recent
25 actuarial study required by Section 21-29-119, Mississippi Code of
26 1972, and unless the fund will remain actuarially sound if the
27 spouse retirement benefits are reinstated as authorized under
28 subsection (1) of this section, as shown by a certified statement



29 from the actuarial firm that prepared the most recent actuarial
30 study.

31 (3) After the governing authorities of the City of Vicksburg
32 have adopted a resolution to reinstate the spouse retirement
33 benefits authorized under subsection (1) of this section and the
34 advisory board provided for in Section 21-29-105, Mississippi Code
35 of 1972, has adopted a resolution supporting the reinstatement of
36 the benefits, and after the Board of Trustees of the Public
37 Employees' Retirement System has received these resolutions and
38 received the most recent actuarial study of the disability and
39 relief fund and the certified statement from the actuarial firm
40 that the fund will remain actuarially sound if the benefits are
41 reinstated, then, after receipt of the required application for
42 reinstatement, the board of trustees shall begin paying the spouse
43 retirement benefits as provided in subsection (1) of this section.

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

