A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Florida Retirement System; amending s. 121.052, F.S.; providing that election to participate in the Senior Management Service Class by elected county officers does not affect the statutory limit on the number of nonelective full-time positions that may be designated for inclusion in the class by a school district; deleting obsolete provisions; amending s. 121.055, F.S.; authorizing the designation of a certain number of nonelective full-time positions for certain school districts for inclusion in the Senior Management Service Class; deleting obsolete provisions; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 121.052, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

121.052 Membership class of elected officers.--

- (3) PARTICIPATION AND WITHDRAWAL, GENERALLY.--Effective July 1, 1990, participation in the Elected Officers' Class shall be compulsory for elected officers listed in paragraphs (2)(a)-(d) and (f) assuming office on or after said date, unless the elected officer elects membership in another class or withdraws from the Florida Retirement System as provided in paragraphs (3)(a)-(d):
- (c) Any elected officer may, within 6 months after assuming office, or within 6 months after this act becomes a law

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for serving elected officers, elect membership in the Senior Management Service Class as provided in s. 121.055 in lieu of membership in the Elected Officers' Class. Any such election made by a county elected officer does not affect shall have no effect upon the statutory limit on the number of nonelective full-time positions that may be designated by a local agency employer or a specified school district for inclusion in the Senior Management Service Class under s. 121.055(1)(b)1.

Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 121.055, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

121.055 Senior Management Service Class.—There is hereby established a separate class of membership within the Florida Retirement System to be known as the "Senior Management Service Class," which shall become effective February 1, 1987.

(1)

- (b)1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., effective January 1, 1990, participation in the Senior Management Service Class is shall be compulsory for the president of each community college, the manager of each participating city or county, and all appointed district school superintendents. Effective January 1, 1994, additional positions may be designated for inclusion in the Senior Management Service class if of the Florida Retirement System, provided that:
- a. Positions to be included <u>are</u> in the class shall be designated by the local agency employer. Notice of intent to designate positions for inclusion in the class <u>must shall</u> be published once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county or counties

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affected, as provided in chapter 50.

- b. Up to 10 nonelective full-time positions may be designated for each local agency employer reporting to the department and up to 15 nonelective full-time positions may be designated for each school district serving as the fiscal agent for a regional consortium service organization established under s. 1001.451. of Management Services; For local agencies with 100 or more regularly established positions, additional nonelective full-time positions may be designated, not to exceed 1 percent of the regularly established positions within the agency.
- c. Each position added to the class <u>is</u> must be a managerial or policymaking position filled by an employee who is not subject to continuing contract and serves at the pleasure of the local agency employer without civil service protection, and who:
  - (I) Heads an organizational unit; or
- (II) Has responsibility to effect or recommend personnel, budget, expenditure, or policy decisions in his or her areas of responsibility.
- 2. In lieu of participation in the Senior Management Service Class, members of the Senior Management Service class under pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph 1. may withdraw from the Florida Retirement System altogether. The decision to withdraw is from the Florida Retirement System shall be irrevocable for as long as the employee holds such a position. Any service creditable under the Senior Management Service Class is shall be retained after the member withdraws from the Florida Retirement System; however, additional service credit in the

Senior Management Service class  $\underline{may}$  shall not be earned after such withdrawal. Such members  $\underline{are}$  shall not be eligible to participate in the Senior Management Service Optional Annuity Program.

- 3. Effective January 1, 2006, through June 30, 2006, an employee who has withdrawn from the Florida Retirement System under subparagraph 2. has one opportunity to elect to participate in either the defined benefit program or the Public Employee Optional Retirement Program of the Florida Retirement System.
- a. If the employee elects to participate in the Public Employee Optional Retirement Program, membership shall be prospective, and the applicable provisions of s. 121.4501(4) shall govern the election.
- b. If the employee elects to participate in the defined benefit program of the Florida Retirement System, the employee shall, upon payment to the system trust fund of the amount calculated under sub-sub-subparagraph (I), receive service credit for prior service based upon the time during which the employee had withdrawn from the system.
- (I) The cost for such credit shall be an amount representing the actuarial accrued liability for the affected period of service. The cost shall be calculated using the discount rate and other relevant actuarial assumptions that were used to value the Florida Retirement System defined benefit plan liabilities in the most recent actuarial valuation. The calculation shall include any service already maintained under the defined benefit plan in addition to the period of

withdrawal. The actuarial accrued liability attributable to any service already maintained under the defined benefit plan shall be applied as a credit to the total cost resulting from the calculation. The division shall ensure that the transfer sum is prepared using a formula and methodology certified by an actuary.

(II) The employee must transfer a sum representing the net cost owed for the actuarial accrued liability in sub-sub-subparagraph (I) immediately following the time of such movement, determined assuming that attained service equals the sum of service in the defined benefit program and the period of withdrawal.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.