Florida House of Representatives - 2000 By Representative Garcia

A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to judicial employees; amending 3 s. 121.055, F.S.; adding assistant state attorneys, assistant statewide prosecutors, and 4 5 assistant public defenders to the Senior Management Service Class of the Florida б 7 Retirement System; authorizing the state courts 8 to pay Selected Exempt Service benefits to 9 judicial assistants; providing an effective 10 date. 11 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 13 14 Section 1. Paragraph (h) of subsection (1) of section 121.055, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 15 16 121.055 Senior Management Service Class.--There is 17 hereby established a separate class of membership within the 18 Florida Retirement System to be known as the "Senior 19 Management Service Class," which shall become effective 20 February 1, 1987. 21 (1)22 (h)1. Except as provided in subparagraph 3., effective January 1, 1994, participation in the Senior Management 23 Service Class shall be compulsory for the State Courts 24 Administrator and the Deputy State Courts Administrators, the 25 26 Clerk of the Supreme Court, the Marshal of the Supreme Court, 27 the Executive Director of the Justice Administrative 28 Commission, the Capital Collateral Representative, the clerks 29 of the district courts of appeals, the marshals of the district courts of appeals, and the trial court administrator 30 31 in each judicial circuit. Effective January 1, 1994,

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1 additional positions in the offices of the state attorney and 2 public defender in each judicial circuit may be designated for 3 inclusion in the Senior Management Service Class of the 4 Florida Retirement System, provided that:

5 a. Positions to be included in the class shall be 6 designated by the state attorney or public defender, as 7 appropriate. Notice of intent to designate positions for 8 inclusion in the class shall be published once a week for 2 9 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation 10 published in the county or counties affected, as provided in 11 chapter 50.

12 b. One nonelective full-time position may be 13 designated for each state attorney and public defender 14 reporting to the Department of Management Services; for agencies with 200 or more regularly established positions 15 16 under the state attorney or public defender, additional nonelective full-time positions may be designated, not to 17 exceed 0.5 percent of the regularly established positions 18 19 within the agency.

c. Each position added to the class must be a
managerial or policymaking position filled by an employee who
serves at the pleasure of the state attorney or public
defender without civil service protection, and who:

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(I) Heads an organizational unit; or

25 (II) Has responsibility to effect or recommend 26 personnel, budget, expenditure, or policy decisions in his or 27 her areas of responsibility.

28 2. Participation in this class shall be compulsory,
 29 except as provided in subparagraph 3., for any judicial
 30 employee who holds a position designated for coverage in the
 31 Senior Management Service Class, and such participation shall

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continue until the employee terminates employment in a covered position. Effective January 1, 2001, participation in this class shall be compulsory for assistant state attorneys, assistant statewide prosecutors, and assistant public defenders. 3. In lieu of participation in the Senior Management Service Class, such members may participate in the Senior Management Service Optional Annuity Program as established in subsection (6). Section 2. The state courts are authorized to pay Selected Exempt Service benefits to all judicial assistants within the state courts system. Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2000. HOUSE SUMMARY Includes assistant state attorneys, assistant statewide prosecutors, and assistant public defenders in the Senior Management Service Class of the Florida Retirement System. Authorizes the state courts to pay Selected Exempt Service benefits to judicial assistants.

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