

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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The Committee on Banking and Insurance (Richter) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

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Delete lines 1193 - 1219 and insert:

Section 18. (1) The Legislature finds that a proper and legitimate state purpose is served if employees and retirees of the state and its political subdivisions, and the dependents, survivors, and beneficiaries of such employees and retirees, are extended the basic protections afforded by governmental retirement systems which provide fair and adequate benefits and which are managed, administered, and funded in an actuarially sound manner as required by s. 14, Article X of the State

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Constitution and part VII of chapter 112, Florida Statutes. Therefore, the Legislature determines and declares that this act fulfills an important state interest.

(2) The Legislature further finds that the assignment of former justices and judges to temporary employment as a judge in any court, by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in accordance with s. 2, Art. V of the State Constitution, assists the State Courts System in managing caseloads and providing individuals and businesses with access to courts. In particular, these assignments are critically important in assisting with the disposition of the current backlog in foreclosure cases in this state. Therefore, the Legislature further determines and declares that this act fulfills an important state interest by facilitating the ability of justices and judges who retire under the Florida Retirement System to return to temporary employment as a judge in a timely manner.

Section 19. The Supreme Court is requested to amend the Florida Rules of Civil Procedures to provide expedited foreclosure proceedings in conformity with this act and is requested to develop and publish forms for use in such expedited proceedings.

Section 20. Sections 6 through 8, 16, and 17 of this act shall take effect only if the Legislature appropriates during the 2013 Legislative Session the sum of at least \$1.6 million from the General Revenue Fund on a recurring basis to the judicial branch in order to fund the increased employer contributions associated with the costs of the retirement benefits granted in this act and the Governor does not veto the appropriation.