CHAMBER ACTION

Senate House

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Representative DiCeglie offered the following:

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Amendment

Remove lines 246-285 and insert:

Section 4. Subsection (4) of section 121.052, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

121.052 Membership class of elected officers.-

- (4) PARTICIPATION BY ELECTED OFFICERS SERVING A SHORTENED TERM DUE TO APPORTIONMENT, FEDERAL INTERVENTION, ETC.—
- (a) A duly elected officer whose term of office was shortened by legislative or judicial apportionment pursuant to s. 16, Art. III of the State Constitution may, after the term of office to which he or she was elected is completed, pay into the

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Florida Retirement System Trust Fund the amount of contributions that would have been made by the officer or the officer's employer on his or her behalf, plus 4 percent interest compounded annually from the date he or she left office until July 1, 1975, and 6.5 percent interest compounded annually thereafter, and may receive service credit for the length of time the officer would have served if such term had not been shortened by apportionment.

- (b) Any duly elected officer whose term of office was shortened because the election at which he or she was elected was delayed as a result of federal intervention under the federal Voting Rights Act may, after the term of office to which he or she was elected is completed, pay into the System Trust Fund the amount of contributions that would have been made by the employee or by the employer on his or her behalf for the period of time the assumption of office was delayed, plus 4 percent interest compounded annually from the date he or she assumed office until July 1, 1975, and 6.5 percent interest compounded annually thereafter, and may receive service credit for the length of time he or she would have served if such term had not been shortened by delay of the election.
- (c) For the purpose of this chapter, "creditable service" includes the period from November 1972 to January 1973 which would have been served by an elected county officer but for the enactment of chapter 67-510, Laws of Florida, if the inclusion

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of such period would provide any person affected with sufficient creditable service to qualify for retirement benefits pursuant to this chapter.

- (d) 1. Any justice or judge, or any retired justice or judge who retired before July 1, 1993, who has attained the age of 70 years before July 1, 2019, and who $\underline{\text{was}}$ $\underline{\text{is}}$ prevented under s. 8, Art. V of the State Constitution from completing his or her term of office because of age may elect to purchase credit for all or a portion of the months he or she would have served during the remainder of the term of office; however, he or she may claim those months only after the date the service would have occurred. The justice or judge must pay into the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund the amount of contributions that would have been made by the employer on his or her behalf for the period of time being claimed, plus 6.5 percent interest thereon compounded each June 30 from the date he or she left office, in order to receive service credit in this class for the period of time being claimed. After the date the service would have occurred, and upon payment of the required contributions, the retirement benefit of a retired justice or judge shall be adjusted prospectively to include the additional creditable service; however, such adjustment may be made only once.
- 2. Any justice or judge who <u>did does</u> not seek <u>retention or</u> election to a subsequent term of office because he or she <u>was</u> would be prevented under s. 8, Art. V of the State Constitution

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from completing such term of office upon attaining the age of 70 years may elect to purchase service credit for service as a temporary judge as assigned by the court if the temporary assignment immediately follows the last full term of office served and the purchase is limited to the number of months of service needed to vest retirement benefits. To receive retirement credit for such temporary service beyond termination, the justice or judge must pay into the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund the amount of contributions that would have been made by the justice or judge and the employer on his or her behalf had he or she continued in office for the period of time being claimed, plus 6.5 percent interest thereon compounded each June 30 from the date he or she left office.