

HOUSE BILL NO. 230

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Introduced: 5/7/99

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act granting certain dispatchers in police or fire departments or for the
2 state troopers status as peace officers under the public employees' retirement
3 system; and providing for an effective date."

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** AS 39.35.680(28) is amended to read:

6 (28) "peace officer" or "fire fighter" means an employee occupying a
7 position as a peace officer, chief of police, dispatcher in a police or fire department
8 or in a state trooper office, correctional officer, correctional superintendent, fire
9 fighter, fire chief, or probation officer;

10 * **Sec. 2.** An employee who was employed as a dispatcher in a state trooper office or in
11 a police or fire department in the public employees' retirement system before the effective
12 date of this Act may convert the credited service for that position to credited service as a
13 peace officer by claiming the service as peace officer service before the member is appointed
14 to retirement. When the member claims this retroactive credited service, an indebtedness of

1 the member to the system shall be established. The indebtedness is equal to (1) the
2 contributions to the system that the member would have made if the service had counted as
3 peace officer service, less (2) the contributions to the system that the member actually made.
4 Interest as prescribed by regulation accrues on this indebtedness beginning July 1, 1999. Any
5 outstanding indebtedness that exists at the time the member is appointed to retirement will
6 require an actuarial adjustment to the benefits payable based upon the converted credited
7 service.

8 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).