

# COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

## PENSION IMPACT NOTE

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO:           **HB 3606, as engrossed**

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SPONSOR (S):     B. Hannig – Currie (Martinez – Demuzio)

SYSTEM(S):       Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

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**SUBJECT MATTER:** HB 3606, as engrossed, amends the IMRF Article of the Illinois Pension Code to allow certain annuitants to hold elective office without participating in the Fund or losing their retirement annuities. In addition, HB 3606, as engrossed, allows for a separate election for each term of office and requires that the person waive his or her salary and stipend for that elective office.

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**COMMENT:** Under the IMRF article of the Pension Code, retirement annuities are suspended during re-employment by an IMRF employer under certain conditions. Specifically, if an annuitant again becomes an employee and receives earnings from employment in a position normally requiring performance of duty during 600 hours or more per year for any participating municipality, or if the annuitant returns to employment in a position requiring him, or entitling him, to elect to become a participating employee. HB 3606, as engrossed, provides that a person who holds elective office and has not elected to participate in IMRF with respect to that office shall not be disqualified from receiving a retirement annuity during that term of office by reason of holding that office, provided that the person waives any salary and stipend for that elected office, and the elected official's annuity is not based on any credits received for participating during that term of office.