COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **HB 4234** March 24, 2009

SPONSOR (S): Stephens - Cross

SYSTEM(S): Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact cannot be calculated because the number of individuals eligible is unknown, but it is expected to be minimal.

<u>SUBJECT MATTER</u>: HB 4234 amends the IMRF Article of the Illinois Pension Code. HB 4234 makes a provision added by Public Act 87-850, providing that survivor eligibility for certain spouses who were married during the member's retirement now will apply to a member who retired before March 26, 1992 but dies on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT</u>: The fiscal impact cannot be calculated because the number of individuals eligible is unknown, but it is expected to be minimal.

<u>COMMENT</u>: Public Act 87-850, which became effective on March 26, 1992, states that a surviving spouse annuity will be payable to a surviving spouse who was married to the deceased annuitant for at least one year on the date of the deceased annuitant's death, if at the time of termination of service the deceased annuitant was married for at least one year to a spouse who does not survive the deceased annuitant. This only applied to members who were active on or after the effective date of March 26, 1992. HB 4234 will make this apply to a member who retired before March 26, 1992 but dies on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act.

HB 4234 amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

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