

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **HB 2865**

March 10, 2011

SPONSOR(S): Poe

SYSTEM(S): Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact associated with HB 2865 cannot be calculated because the number of individuals eligible is unknown, but it is expected to be minimal.

SUBJECT MATTER: HB 2865 amends the IMRF Article of the Illinois Pension Code to make 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 only apply to the spouses of annuitants who die on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act, despite whether the annuitant was in service on or after March 26, 1992, the effective date of P.A. 87-850.

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COMMENT: 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 2865 specifies that this only applies to the spouses of annuitants who die on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act, notwithstanding whether the annuitant was in service on or after March 26, 1992, the effective date of Public Act 87-850.

HB 2865 amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.