COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

102nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **HB 5171** January 30, 2022

SPONSOR (S): Reick

SYSTEM(S): Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no discernible fiscal impact associated with HB 5171.

SUBJECT MATTER: HB 5171 amends the Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund article of the Pension Code to mandate that at least one of the three municipal/management board members of the investment fund be a representative of a fire protection district.

COMMENT: P.A. 101-0610, which became effective on January 1, 2020, created the Firefighters Investment Fund for the purposes of commingling and investing the assets of Article 4 (Downstate Fire) pension funds. The board of the investment fund consists of 9 members, 3 of whom are to be mayors, presidents, chief executive officers, etc. of municipalities or fire protection districts that have Article 4 pension funds. The 3 members who come from this municipal/management cohort must be elected by the mayors and presidents of municipalities that have Article 4 pension funds. HB 5171 mandates that if one of the 3 members from the municipal/management cohort does not represent a fire protection district such that there would be no trustee from a fire protection district, then the candidate receiving the highest number of votes who is from a fire protection district shall be elected.

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