

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Craig Eiland, Chair, House Committee on Pensions & Investments

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1079** by West, George "Buddy" (Relating to the eligibility of certain judges to retire with full benefits.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would allow judges in the Judicial Retirement System Plan II (JRS II) who are appellate judges to retire after serving all or part of at least three terms if their age plus service equals at least 70; currently they need to have served two full terms. The bill would also allow judges in the Judicial Retirement System Plan I (JRS I) who are appellate judges to retire after serving two full terms if their age plus service equals at least 70. Neither provision is judged by the JRS plans' actuary to have a material effect on the long-term costs or actuarial soundness of the systems.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 327 Employees Retirement System

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