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House Bill No. 4654

(By Delegates Morgan and Stephens)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact §5-10D-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to voluntary deductions by the Consolidated Public Retirement Board from monthly benefits to pay retiree association dues; establishing the date when the increased dues will be deducted; requiring prior authorization of the increased deductions by the retirants; adding requirement of board provision of blind mailing services for retiree associations; providing that the board is not liable for the provision of services; establishing a termination date of July 1, 2022.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §5-10D-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 10D. CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC RETIREMENT BOARD.

§5-10D-6. Voluntary deductions by the Consolidated Public Retirement Board from monthly benefits to retirees to pay association dues.

(a) Any recipient of monthly retirement benefits from any
 public retirement plan in this state may authorize that a

- 3 deduction from his or her monthly benefits be made for the
- 4 payment of membership dues or fees to a retiree association.
- 5 The deductions shall be authorized on a form provided by the
- 6 Consolidated Public Retirement Board and shall include: (1)
- 7 The identity and social security number of the retiree; (2) the
- 8 amount and frequency of the deduction; (3) the identity and
- 9 address of the association to which the dues or fees shall be
- 10 paid; and (4) the signature of the retiree.

11 (b) Any retiree association authorized by recipients of 12 monthly benefits from any public retirement plan in this state to 13 receive dues or fees from deductions from retirants' monthly 14 benefits may notify the board of its monthly dues on a form 15 provided by the board: Provided, That no increase in dues or 16 fees will be deducted from any retirant's monthly benefit until 17 the retirant has completed an authorization form containing the information in subsection (a) and submitted this authorization to 18 19 the board. The increased monthly retiree association dues or 20 fees will be deducted commencing the month following the 21 receipt of the authorization form to the board.

(c) Upon execution of the authorization and its receipt by the
Consolidated Public Retirement Board, the deduction shall be
made in the manner specified on the form and remitted to the
designated association on the tenth day of each month: *Provided*, That the deduction may not be made more
frequently than monthly.

(d) Deduction authorizations may be revoked at any time
at least thirty days prior to the date on which the deduction is
regularly made and on a form to be provided by the
Consolidated Public Retirement Board.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of section twenty-one,
article eight, chapter five-a of this code to the contrary, a
retiree association representing only West Virginia public

35 retirees may request the board to mail voluntary membership 36 applications and dues deduction cards to any eligible retirees 37 of any West Virginia public retirement plan administered by 38 the board: *Provided*, That the retiree association shall pay all 39 costs associated with these mailings, including but not limited 40 to copying, mailing, postage, record-keeping and auditing: 41 Provided, however, That the board may contract with a third-42 party to provide mailing services that agrees to maintain the 43 confidentiality of the names, addresses and other personally 44 identifiable information of the retirants.

(f) The board is not liable to any retirant, beneficiary or
other annuitant for any action undertaken pursuant to this
section. Any retiree association agrees, by requesting the
board to deduct dues or fees or to provide mailings for it, to
be responsible for any errors or omissions by the board in
conducting these activities pursuant to this section.

51 (g) If any retiree association fails to timely pay to the 52 board all costs required by this section, the board is 53 authorized to thereafter refuse to provide the services in 54 subsection (e).

(h) The provisions of this section shall expire July 1,2022.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman, House Committee

Chairman, Senate Committee

Originating in the House.

To take effect from passage.

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Clerk of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

The within ______ this the _____

day of _____, 2012.

Governor