

SENATE BILL NO. 243
INTRODUCED BY MAZUREK

IN THE SENATE

JANUARY 31, 1991 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON STATE ADMINISTRATION.

FEBRUARY 1, 1991 FIRST READING.

FEBRUARY 16, 1991 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL
DO NOT PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.

FEBRUARY 18, 1991 ON MOTION, ADOPTION OF ADVERSE
COMMITTEE REPORT RECONSIDERED.

FEBRUARY 19, 1991 PRINTING REPORT.

 SECOND READING, DO PASS AS AMENDED.

FEBRUARY 20, 1991 ENGROSSING REPORT.

 THIRD READING, PASSED.
AYES, 38; NOES, 12.

 TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

MARCH 4, 1991 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON STATE ADMINISTRATION.

 FIRST READING.

MARCH 19, 1991 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE
CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.

MARCH 20, 1991 SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

MARCH 21, 1991 THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.
AYES, 83; NOES, 16.

 RETURNED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

MARCH 22, 1991 RECEIVED FROM HOUSE.

 SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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Senate BILL NO. *243*
INTRODUCED BY *[Signature]*

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT MAKING THE CHIEF WATER JUDGE A MEMBER OF THE JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTION 19-5-301, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 19-5-301, MCA, is amended to read:

"19-5-301. Membership. (1) A judge or justice who was a member of the PERS prior to December 31, 1984, may elect to remain under that system by notifying the public employees' retirement board in writing of the election on or before October 1, 1985.

(2) Every other judge of a district court, or justice of the supreme court, and the chief water judge provided for in 3-7-221 must be a member of the Montana judges' retirement system."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2.** Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 1991.

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INTRODUCED BIL
SB 243



STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE
Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for SB0243, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

The bill would make the Chief Water Judge a member of the Judges' Retirement System.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Chief Water Judge will become a member of the Judges' Retirement System (JRS) on July 1, 1991.
2. The salary of the Chief Water Judge is currently \$55,178 per year.
3. The total cost of providing benefits in the JRS requires contributions equal to 48.13% of active members salaries.
4. The bill would only provide for contributions of 13%.
5. District court fees provide a significant portion of funding for other members of the JRS but are not available as a source of contributions for the Chief Water Judge.
6. The current law JRS funding shortfall is \$1,079,026 in FY92 and \$1,321,075 in FY93.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Additional contributions of approximately \$19,400 per year are necessary to adequately fund retirement benefits for the Chief Water Judge.

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:


None.

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

There currently is a shortfall in district court fees available for deposit in the JRS. This bill will further increase the shortfall in funding this system. Payment of retirement benefits is ultimately the responsibility of the state.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

The bill does not provide adequate contributions to fund benefits for the new member being added to the retirement system.


ROD SUNDSTED, BUDGET DIRECTOR
Office of Budget and Program Planning

2-7-91
DATE


JOSEPH P. MAZUREK, PRIMARY SPONSOR
Fiscal Note for SB0243, as introduced

2/8/91
DATE

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COMMITTEE
ON STATE ADMINISTRATION
ON MOTION RECONSIDER
ADVERSE COMMITTEE REPORT

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AS AMENDED



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