

*Senate* BILL NO. *174*

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12 sheriff on July 1, 1974, may qualify nonsheriff membership  
13 service standing to his credit under the public employees'  
14 retirement system by submitting a written request to the  
15 board no later than January 1, 1978. Upon such a request,  
16 the member's accumulated contributions under the public  
17 employees' retirement system, together with regular interest  
18 thereon, and all contributions paid into that system by an  
19 employer, as defined in 68-1503(25), coincident with such  
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21 thereon, shall be transferred from the public employees'  
22 retirement system retirement fund to the sheriff's  
23 retirement account, and credit for the service shall be  
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5 provided for in subsection (1) and depositing with the  
6 sheriffs' retirement system the amount provided for in  
7 68-1906. Upon such a request and deposit, the employer  
8 contributions and credit for service shall be transferred as  
9 provided in subsection (1).

10 (3) Any service credit transferred under this section  
11 shall be treated as if it were service as a sheriff.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 417-77

FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request received February 9, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 174 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly. Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Senate Bill 174 provides that a sheriff may qualify non-sheriff membership service in the Public Retirement System for credit in the Sheriffs' Retirement System.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Most service for members under P.E.R.S. was sheriff service and is already qualified.
2. Transfer of service and employer-employee contributions and interest will provide sound fiscal basis for funding any benefit enhancement.
3. There will be no loss to P.E.R.S. because the transfer of funds with service will remove the liability inherent in service credits.
4. The exact number of sheriffs eligible at this time is unknown; however, it is estimated that the number is minimal.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The minimal cost associated with the proposed change can be absorbed within the retirement system.

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Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-16-77

Approved by Committee  
on State Administration

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THIRD READING

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