

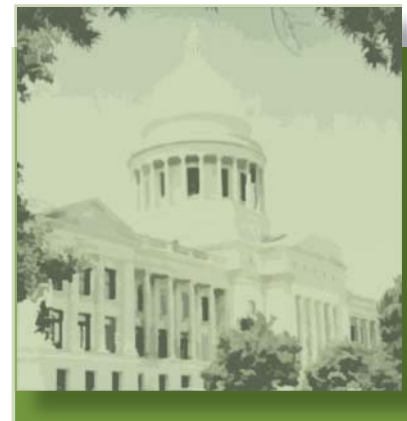


**Act 38** (SB 172), sponsored by **Sen. J. Key (R-Mountain Home)** states, in part, that when APERS DROP participants participation ceases, that member is not eligible for employment in any position covered by any authorized state retirement plan. *Effective February 16, 2011.*

**Act 40** (HB 1018), with lead sponsor **Rep. Allen Kerr (R-Little Rock)** defines terminate as that term applies to eligibility for retirement under APERS to include: 1) the member has resigned, been removed, or otherwise no longer holds the position; 2) a complete severance from the elected position has occurred; and 3) the member has ceased performing any services in his or her elected position, except for non-compensated functions related to the transfer of the duties or the transfer of the position itself. Terminate does not mean taking a leave of absence, performing job duties or services without remuneration or receiving or accruing additional employment related compensation, reimbursements, benefits or other emoluments. These provisions apply to both regular and elected positions. *Effective February 16, 2011.*

**Act 558** (SB 127), sponsored by **Sen. J. Key (R-Mountain Home)** requires that employers continue to contribute to APERS for members that are participating in the DROP as well as retirees that have returned to a position covered by APERS. *Approved March 22, 2011; effective January 1, 2012.* **Additional information including but not limited to instructions and available training will be made accessible to employers in the next couple of months.**

**Act 563** (HB 1146), sponsored by **Rep. Allen Kerr (R-Little Rock)** requires an additional 5% contribution on municipal and county elected or appointed positions for the additional year of service credit that they receive. Both the employer and employee will contribute an additional 2.5% respectively. These provisions apply to members first elected or appointed after July 1, 2011. *Effective July 1, 2011.* **Additional information including but not limited to instructions and available training will be made accessible to employers in the next couple of months.**



**Act 774** (SB 41), sponsored by **Sen. J. Key (R-Mountain Home)** extends the termination period required for retirement purposes for individuals who receive at least two-for-one service credit under APERS to one year. *Effective March 30, 2011.*

### Contributory Election Available

**Act 140** (HB 1158), sponsored by **Rep. David Branscum (R-Marshall)** allows additional time for the members of APERS to select contributory service. A public employee hired prior to July 1, 2005 and who was an active member of APERS on July 1, 2005, shall have six (6) months from July 1, 2011, to elect coverage under the contributory provisions. The effective date of the contributory coverage shall be the first payroll period that is paid and reported for January 2012 and shall be prospective only. Conversion or purchase of noncontributory service into contributory service is prohibited. Additional information will be mailed to each eligible member of APERS as well as each employer. *Effective 90 days sine die.*

Members participating in the contributory program will contribute 5% of their annual compensation, pre-tax (taxes are deferred) to the System. The contributory program does not provide for a Temporary Annuity for participants. However, the contributory provisions provide for a higher multiplier (currently 2.0%) that is utilized in calculating the member's eligible benefit.

Election forms will be made available to members via the member's employer, the APERS website and/or by calling APERS. The original form should be submitted to the employer for completion of their portion of the form and then forwarded to APERS for processing.

Additional information will be mailed out to all employers regarding their duties and responsibilities in this endeavor.



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**“Hire to Retire” - Non-AASIS Employer Training**

One of APERS’ responsibilities to all participating employers is to keep them informed so that they can perform their duties and responsibilities in an efficient and timely manner. In order to do this, “Employer Training” for Non-AASIS employers will begin soon and will be held at the locations listed below.

If you would like to attend one of the training sessions, please complete the registration form and mail or fax it to APERS no later than 4:30 p.m. on the deadline indicated. You may fax the completed form to (501) 682-7825 or mail it to the address listed at the bottom of page 1 of this newsletter. On-line registration is also available at **www.apers.org** by clicking on the **Employer** icon. You will find instructions for on-line registration as well as other helpful information.

Date	Location	Time	Registration Deadline
June 1st	Arkadelphia - Henderson State Univ. - Garrison Activity Center Lecture Hall	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	May 25th
Aug. 31st	Warren - 104 N Myrtle St. City of Warren (1st floor)	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	August 25th
Sept. 28th	Forrest City - 1335 N Washington Civic Center / Ferguson Room	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	September 23rd
Nov. 2nd	Fort Smith – 3201 Rogers Ave. Fort Smith Public Library	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	October 26th

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Work E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you need a certificate of attendance?  Yes  No  
 Are any accommodations required?  Yes  No  
 If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

***We Look Forward To Seeing You There!***