

COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

SECTION 14. Section 86(e), title "Applicability of Amendments" is hereby added, as follows:

(E) APPLICABILITY OF AMENDMENTS. UNLESS SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED HEREIN NO CHANGES IN THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM LAW OR IMPROVEMENTS OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS SHALL BE APPLICABLE TO FORMER MEMBERS, RETIRED MEMBERS OR VESTED MEMBERS.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS RETIREMENT LAW, ANY BENEFIT ONCE GRANTED TO A MEMBER WHO HAS RETIRED OR VESTED MAY NOT BE REDUCED BELOW THE BENEFIT TO WHICH HE WAS ENTITLED AT THE TIME OF RETIREMENT OR VESTING.

SECTION 15. Section 86(dd), title "Spouses," 86(gg), title "Actual County Service," 86(hh), title "Retired Member," and 86(s), title "Average Final Earnings," are hereby amended, as follows:

(dd) Spouses shall mean only the husband and wife of a member living as husband or wife with the member at the time of the member's death. A divorced spouse, including a mensa et thoro shall not be included in the term spouse for the purposes of receiving any benefits under this law. In unusual circumstances the County Personnel Board may consider reasonable exceptions to this rule.

(gg) "Actual County Service" includes only that credited County service during which a member was actively employed, or on a period of authorized military leave-without-pay. It does not include any sick leave accrual credited for retirement purposes, any periods of authorized leave-without-pay, any periods of time that an employee is on authorized leave-without-pay which may be purchased for retirement on credits, a period of military service purchased for retirement credits, or any other non-active employment periods as determined by the County Personnel Board.

(hh) "Retired Member" includes any member who has retired and who is receiving retirement benefits. It does not include any active member or a vested member.

(s) "Average Final Earnings" shall mean the regular earnings of a member for the last twelve (12) months of service as a member immediately preceding