

**Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

29-206.

(a) This section applies to the surviving spouse of an individual who died while employed as a member of:

- (1) the Employees' Pension System;
- (2) the Teachers' Pension System; or
- (3) the Local Fire and Police System, if the member had not transferred from the Employees' Retirement System.

(b) A surviving spouse may elect to receive one of the following:

- (1) the death benefit under § 29-202 of this subtitle; or
- (2) an allowance equal to the amount payable under Option 2 as described in § 21-403 of this article, if:
  - (i) the spouse is the sole primary designated beneficiary; and
  - (ii) the member [was at least 55 years old with at least 15 years of eligibility service or was at least 62 years old]:
    - 1. WAS ELIGIBLE TO RETIRE;
    - 2. HAD AT LEAST 25 YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE; OR
    - 3. WAS AT LEAST 55 YEARS OLD WITH AT LEAST 15 YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1995.

Approved May 25, 1995.

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**CHAPTER 568**

**(House Bill 778)**

AN ACT concerning

**Agricultural Land Preservation Program - Easement Offers**

FOR the purpose of altering the period of an offer cycle during which time the Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation can offer to purchase certain agricultural preservation easements; ~~eliminating the authority of the Foundation to make certain determinations regarding the allowable number of applications the Foundation will consider during each offer cycle; providing that the appraised value of a certain easement is fixed for a certain period following the valuation date with~~