

KRS 2020 Housekeeping Requests

1. KRS 61.640 & 16.578 Death Before Retirement- Alternate Death Calculation
 - Conforming language to apply the alternate death calc to the life annuity, 60 months certain, actuarial refund and SSAO options as it was written prior to HB 416 in 2009 inadvertently changed the language.
2. KRS 61.598(2)(a) – Member Pension Spiking
 - Add a minimum of \$1000 salary spikers’ increases required to trigger a pension spike.
 - 250 less than \$1000 ones only reduced monthly benefits an average of \$3.49.
3. KRS 61.645(4)(e)
 - Remove requirement for ballots to be returned to a Kentucky post office box. Ballot vendor may be out of state.
 - Remove requirement that ballot vendor be an auditing firm.
 - Remove requirement for “checking a square opposite the name of the candidate”. May need other alternatives.
4. KRS 61.650(42)(b) & 61.637(17)(e)4 – Volunteer Definition
 - Retired members need not report reemployment with a participating employer after 12 months.
 - Currently the period for volunteers is 24 months.
 - Needs to change to 12 months for consistency.
5. KRS 61.540(1) – Statement of Member and Employer – Summary Plan Description
 - Change “shall” to “may” in 64.540. Was missed when KRSj 61.526 made that same change.
6. KRS 61.565(5) – CERS Contribution Rate Phase-In
 - Conforming language to apply the 12% increase from the previous fiscal year to the contribution rate instead of projected dollars.
 - This methodology provides a transparent, predictable contribution requirement for the employers during the phase-in period.
 - A 12% increase in the contribution rate does not necessarily result in a 12% increase in an employer’s pension cost, it could be more or less.