

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LOUISIANA

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL MUNICIPALITIES

FROM: ROBERT L. RUST, ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

RE: ACTS OF THE 2008 REGULAR SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA
LEGISLATURE WHICH AFFECT THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT SYSTEM

DATE: AUGUST 27, 2008

ONE TIME PERMANENT MONTHLY COST OF LIVING INCREASE

ACT NO. 113 (House Bill No. 1014 by Representative Morris and Senator B. Gautreaux) R.S. 11:1761 (B)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in particular R.S. 11:242, the board of trustees is authorized to provide a permanent monthly cost-of-living adjustment to recipients of benefits of the respective plans who would otherwise be eligible for a cost-of-living adjustment pursuant to Subsection A of this Section. The cost-of-living adjustment shall be payable in a monthly amount not to exceed three percent (3%) of the normal monthly benefit payable to the recipient on the date the increase is granted but shall not be less than twenty dollars (\$20.00) per month.

(2) The authority of the board of trustees to provide the cost-of-living adjustment provided in this Subsection shall become effective July 1, 2008. The authority of the board of trustees to provide the cost-of-living adjustment shall be nonrecurring, and the board of trustees shall not grant more than one cost-of-living adjustment pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS PAID INTO FUND

ACT NO. 397 (Senate Bill No. 99 by Senator B. Gautreaux) R.S. 11:1733 (C)(2) Except as provided in R.S. 11:143 and notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, employer contributions shall not be returned, refunded, transferred, or rolled over to any employee or employer or to any retirement system, plan or fund.

EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATES

ACT NO. 445 (Senate Bill No. 181 by Senator Cassidy) R.S. 11:107(B) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 11:103, 104 and 105(B), in any fiscal year during which the net direct employer contribution rates would otherwise be decreased for any retirement system or fund to which this Section applies, the board of trustees of that system or fund is hereby authorized to set the employer contribution rate at any point between the previous year's employer contribution rate and the decreased rate that would otherwise occur pursuant to R.S. 11:103 and 104. Any excess funds resulting from the additional contributions shall be applied as provided in R.S. 11:105(C).