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FIRE AND POLICE RETIREMENT ACT

House Bill 4179 as introduced
First Analysis (2-21-89)

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Sponsor: Rep. Mary Brown Mich. State Law Library
Committee: Senior Citizens and Retirement

THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

Efforts have been made during the last decade to remove gender biased language from public acts, but some acts still need to be amended. The fire and police retirement act was drafted in 1937, when few women were employed as police officers or as fire fighters, and the bill's language reflects this. Legislation is needed to remove from the act language that is gender biased and archaic.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The bill would amend the fire and police retirement act to revise certain gender biased language. Under the bill, the act would be known as the "Fire Fighters and Police Officers Retirement Act."

MCL 38.551a et al.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

According to the House Fiscal Agency, the bill would have no fiscal implications for the state. (2-17-89)

ARGUMENTS:

For:

The bill would remove archaic language from the act and replace it with language that reflects the changes that have occurred in the past fifty years in the police and fire professions.

POSITION:

The Fraternal Order of Police supports the bill. (2-17-89)

The Michigan Fire Chiefs Association supports the bill. (2-17-89)

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