

THE JUDGES RETIREMENT ACT OF 1992 (EXCERPT)
Act 234 of 1992

***** 38.2304 SUBSECTION (4) MAY NOT APPLY: See (4) of 38.2304 *****

38.2304 Deposit of court fees, late fees, and interest payments.

Sec. 304.

(1) Except as provided in subsection (4), the retirement system shall transmit all court fees received by the executive secretary and all late fees and interest payments received under this section to the state treasurer for deposit in the reserve for employer contributions where these assets and earnings on these assets shall be treated as pension assets.

(2) The retirement board may periodically establish a late fee and interest rate for all court fees that are not submitted to the executive secretary as prescribed in subsection (3). The retirement board shall establish a late fee of \$50.00 or more and an interest rate of 12% or more per year for a late transmittal of court fees.

(3) If the county treasurer, clerk of the circuit court, or clerk of the district court fails to transmit to the executive secretary all court fees by the twentieth day of the month following the month in which they are collected under the revised judiciary act, the retirement system shall assess a late fee for each late transmittal and an interest payment for each day the transmittal is late. Upon written notice from the executive secretary to the director of the supreme court finance office, the state treasurer shall withhold payment of the amount due under this section for late court fees, late fees, and interest payments from the salary standardization payment payable to a county or district control unit that fails to make timely court fee transmittals as required by this section.

(4) When the retirement system determines that the amount of court fees deposited into the reserve for employer contributions under subsection (1) equals the amount needed in addition to other publicly financed contributions to sustain the required level of publicly financed contributions, based upon the most recent actuarial valuation available at the beginning of the applicable fiscal year, the executive secretary shall transmit to the state treasurer the remainder of the court fees received during the fiscal year for deposit into the court fee fund created by section 217 where these assets and any earnings on these assets shall not be treated as pension assets for any purpose. This subsection applies unless the department receives notification from the United States internal revenue service that this subsection will cause the retirement system to be disqualified for tax purposes under the internal revenue code.

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