



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 151

March 4, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives BALDWIN, FREESE, GREEN, MUSSER, R. YOUNG, GOETSCH, ALBERS, HUBER, HANSON, BLACK, RYBA, HAHN and RILEY, cosponsored by Senators RUDE, RISSER and MOEN. Referred to Committee on Labor and Employment.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** deductions to labor and professional organizations from
2 annuity payments under the Wisconsin retirement system.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires that the department of employe trust funds (DETF) develop a proposal to allow annuitants under the Wisconsin retirement system (WRS) annually to make deductions from their monthly annuity payments to organizations that represent annuitants of WRS, including labor and professional organizations. The bill also requires DETF to submit the proposal to the joint committee on finance and to the joint survey committee on retirement systems no later than September 15, 1998.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

4 (1) The department of employe trust funds shall develop a proposal to allow
5 annuitants under the Wisconsin retirement system annually to make deductions
6 from their monthly annuity payments to organizations that represent annuitants of

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1 the Wisconsin retirement system, including labor and professional organizations.
2 The department shall submit the annuity deduction proposal to the joint committee
3 on finance and to the joint survey committee on retirement systems no later than
4 September 15, 1998. The proposal shall include provisions that do all of the
5 following:

6 (a) Protect the confidentiality of the annuitants.

7 (b) Establish procedures to allow annuitants to make deductions as soon as
8 practicable after the establishment of an annuity deduction program.

9 (c) Recommend methods to cover any costs incurred by the department in
10 administering an annuity deduction program.

11 (d) Determine the need for rule-making authority.

12 (2) When submitting its agency budget request for the 1999-2001 biennium
13 under section 16.42 of the statutes, the department shall include in its request the
14 costs to implement the annuity deduction program developed under subsection (1).

15 (END)