

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2011**

S

2

**SENATE BILL 929  
Pensions & Retirement and Aging Committee Substitute Adopted 6/6/12**

Short Title: Firemen's Relief Fund/Board Membership. (Public)

---

Sponsors:

---

Referred to:

---

May 30, 2012

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REVISE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE  
3 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF A FIREMEN'S LOCAL RELIEF FUND.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 58-84-25(d) reads as rewritten:

6 "(d) Administration. – These funds shall be held by the treasurer of a fire district as a  
7 separate and distinct fund. The fire district shall immediately pay the funds to the treasurer of  
8 the local board of trustees upon the treasurer's election and qualification, for the use of the  
9 board of trustees of the firemen's local relief fund in each fire district, which board shall be  
10 composed of five members, ~~residents of the fire district as hereinafter provided for,~~ to be used  
11 by it for the purposes provided in G.S. 58-84-35."

12 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 58-84-30 reads as rewritten:

13 **"§ 58-84-30. Trustees appointed; organization.**

14 For each county, town or city complying with and deriving benefits from the provisions of  
15 this Article, there shall be appointed a local board of trustees, known as the trustees of the  
16 Firefighters' Relief Fund, to be composed of five members, two of whom shall be elected by the  
17 members of the local fire department ~~or departments~~ who are qualified as beneficiaries of such  
18 fund, two of whom shall be elected by the mayor and board of aldermen or other local  
19 governing body, and one of whom shall be named by the Commissioner of Insurance. Their  
20 selection and term of office shall be as follows:

- 21 (1) The members of the fire department shall hold an election each January to  
22 elect their representatives to above board. In January 1950, the firefighters  
23 shall elect one member to serve for two years and one member to serve for  
24 one year, then each year in January thereafter, they shall elect only one  
25 member and his term of office shall be for two years. Members elected  
26 pursuant to this section shall be either (i) residents of the fire district or (ii)  
27 active or retired members of the fire department.
- 28 (2) The mayor and board of aldermen or other local governing body shall  
29 appoint, in January 1950, two representatives to above board, one to hold  
30 office for two years and one to hold office for one year, and each year in  
31 January thereafter they shall appoint only one representative and his term of  
32 office shall be for two years. Members appointed pursuant to this section  
33 shall be residents of the fire district.
- 34 (3) The Commissioner of Insurance shall appoint one representative to serve as  
35 trustee and he shall serve at the pleasure of the Commissioner. The member



1                   appointed pursuant to this section shall be either (i) a resident of the fire  
2                   district or (ii) an active or retired member of the fire department.

3           All of the above trustees shall hold office for their elected or appointed time, or until their  
4 successors are elected or appointed, and shall serve without pay for their services. They shall  
5 immediately after election and appointment organize by electing from their members a  
6 chairman and a secretary and treasurer, which two last positions may be held by the same  
7 person. The treasurer of said board of trustees shall give a good and sufficient surety bond in a  
8 sum equal to the amount of moneys in his hand, to be approved by the Commissioner of  
9 Insurance. The cost of this bond may be deducted by the Insurance Commissioner from the  
10 receipts collected pursuant to G.S. 58-84-10 before distribution is made to local relief funds. If  
11 the chief or chiefs of the local fire departments are not named on the board of trustees as above  
12 provided, then they shall serve as ex officio members without privilege of voting on matters  
13 before the board."

14                   **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.