



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5547      File No. 534      Cal. No. 500

**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS STATUTES."**

1      After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2      internal references accordingly:

3      "Sec. 501. Subsections (j) and (k) of section 5-155a of the general  
4      statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
5      (*Effective from passage*):

6      (j) Any claim for a pension or any other benefit which may become  
7      available in accordance with the provisions of this chapter may be  
8      submitted to the commission provided it is submitted in writing. Any  
9      such claim will be reviewed and decided by the commission not later  
10     than sixty days from the date the commission receives such  
11     submission. The claimant shall be advised of the processing status of  
12     his claim upon reasonable request.

13     (k) If any claim is denied, in whole or in part, the commission shall

14 provide written notice of such denial to the claimant not later than ten  
 15 days after the date the commission has decided such claim. Such notice  
 16 shall include (1) the legal and factual grounds for the commission's  
 17 denial, (2) notice of the claimant's right to request a hearing to review  
 18 and reconsider the denial, and (3) information describing the proper  
 19 procedures for making such request. Not later than thirty days after  
 20 receiving the notice of denial, a claimant may request that the decision  
 21 be reviewed and reconsidered by the commission. [Thereafter, any  
 22 such case] Not later than thirty days after receiving the claimant's  
 23 request, the commission shall hold a hearing that shall be decided as a  
 24 contested case in accordance with chapter 54.

25 (l) The commission shall not reduce, suspend or terminate any  
 26 benefits received by a member pursuant to this chapter unless the  
 27 member has first been provided (1) notice of such reduction,  
 28 suspension or termination, and (2) an opportunity to be heard. Such  
 29 notice shall include (A) the legal and factual grounds for the reduction,  
 30 suspension or termination of benefits, (B) notice of the member's right  
 31 to request a hearing to contest such reduction, suspension or  
 32 termination, and (C) information describing the proper procedures for  
 33 making such request. Not later than thirty days after receiving the  
 34 notice of reduction, suspension or termination of benefits, the member  
 35 may request a hearing. Not later than thirty days after receiving the  
 36 member's request, the commission shall hold a hearing that shall be  
 37 decided as a contested case in accordance with chapter 54."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	5-155a(j) and (k)