

**TITLE 590. OKLAHOMA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
CHAPTER 15. UNIFORM RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUSTICES AND JUDGES**

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

A. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PURPOSE OF PROPOSED RULES:

A new rule set forth in 590:15-1-22 setting forth the requirements for payment of the health insurance contribution to retirees in the URSJJ. This rule is necessary to keep the health insurance contributions and plan assets of the URSJJ separate from OPERS as required for a governmental retirement plan under the Internal Revenue Code. The amendment was required by the IRS for plan qualification.

A new rule set forth in 590:15-1-23 defining normal retirement age by setting forth the statutory eligibility requirements for retirement. This amendment was required by the Internal Revenue Service for plan qualification and to comply with the Internal Revenue Code.

B. CLASS OF PERSONS AFFECTED:

Members and their beneficiaries of the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges are expected to be positively affected by these proposed rules because these rules make certain that the System will be in compliance with federal tax laws and that the System will maintain its status as a qualified government pension plan.

C. CLASS OF PERSONS BENEFITED:

See item "B" above.

D. DESCRIPTION OF ECONOMIC IMPACT:

These proposed rules will provide for a more uniform and efficient management of the agency in compliance with statutory provisions and federal regulations governing the qualified status of the retirement system which should have a positive economic impact.

E. COST TO AGENCY AND EFFECT ON STATE REVENUE:

No additional cost is expected to be incurred by this or any other state agency as a result of these proposed rules. There is no anticipated effect on state revenues associated with these rules.

F. ECONOMIC IMPACT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:

There is no anticipated economic impact on any political subdivisions as a result of these rules. The rules reflect or clarify existing state and federal statutory or administrative requirements and, therefore, there is no anticipated effect on state revenues associated with these rules.

G. EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS:

None.

H. LESS COSTLY OR INTRUSIVE METHODS:

None.

I. EFFECT ON PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT:

None.

J. DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT:

None.

K. DATE RULE IMPACT STATEMENT PREPARED:

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