

IMPORTANT NOTICE IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

TO: All Retirees

FROM: Name of Retirement Board

RE: Same Sex Marriage Option Change
(Section 55 of Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2011)

DATE: December 15, 2011

Section 55 of Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2011 permits a retiree to change his or her option to Option C in certain, limited circumstances involving same sex couples. A qualifying retiree has a very small window in which to elect this option change, so retirees who are eligible for this benefit must act quickly by notifying the retirement board that you wish to change your option selection.

In order to be eligible to change your option to C, you must have:

- retired before May 17, 2004;
- picked Option A or B upon retirement;
- entered into a same sex marriage between May 17, 2004 and May 17, 2005.

If you meet the above three criteria, you may be eligible to change your option to Option C. This section of the law becomes effective on February 16, 2012 and effected retirees must make an election of option change by July 1, 2012. **PLEASE CONTACT THE RETIREMENT BOARD IMMEDIATELY IF THIS APPLIES TO YOU.** You will then be given further instructions.