

**423A.171 BYLAW AMENDMENTS.**

(a) Notwithstanding a provision of law governing a local police or salaried firefighters relief association to the contrary, the board of trustees of a local relief association governed by section 69.77 or its successor board under chapter 353A or 353B, with municipal approval as provided in section 69.77, subdivision 11, may amend the bylaws of the relief association to provide that a surviving spouse benefit is payable to a surviving spouse who married a deferred or retired member after the member's retirement, provided the marriage occurred at least five years before the death of the member.

(b) If the surviving spouse benefit change described in paragraph (a) is made, the change applies to a surviving spouse benefit payable on the effective date of the change and to the potential surviving spouses of all deferred or retired members of the relief association who have that status on the effective date of the change.

(c) The bylaw amendment is not effective until a certified copy of the amendment and the municipal approval has been filed by the municipal clerk with the executive director of the legislative commission on pensions and retirement, the state auditor, and the secretary of state.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 353B.11, a surviving spouse benefit change made under this section for a relief association that has consolidated with the Public Employees Retirement Association is effective upon approval by the Public Employees Retirement Association and the municipality under paragraph (c).

**History:** 1994 c 528 art 6 s 1; 2002 c 392 art 1 s 5