

ASSEMBLY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2158

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly State and Local Government Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2158.

This bill increases the mandatory retirement age to 67 years for police chiefs of a law enforcement agency and chiefs of a fire department.

Under current law, a member of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System of New Jersey (PFRS) is required to retire upon reaching age 65. Additionally, PFRS members hired prior to January 1, 1987 may remain a member of the system until the member attains 68 years of age or 25 years of creditable service, whichever comes first.

This bill allows a police chief and fire department chief member to remain a PFRS member until the end of the calendar year in which the member reaches age 67 provided the member was appointed as a police or fire department chief prior to attaining 65 years of age. The bill requires the appointing authority to affirmatively vote by a majority of its members to retain a police or fire department chief who is older than 65 years of age.