

# One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB32

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**Chairperson: Senator Mark Kolterman**

**Committee: Nebraska Retirement Systems**

**Date of Hearing: January 24, 2017**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 32 changes the method of calculation and the frequency of payment of the county prior service annuity in the County Employees Retirement Act. Currently payments may be made monthly, however if the payment is less than ten dollars, then the payment may be made annually by the county with each annual payment equal to 11.54 times the monthly payment. In order to reduce administrative time and costs and to grant greater flexibility for each county, LB 32 removes the annual formula calculation and gives the county the authority to pay the annuity either monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually.

In the County Employees Retirement Act and the State Employees Retirement Act, the Public Employee Retirement Board's obligation is eliminated to provide information to county and state employees on state and federal income tax consequences of the various annuities or retirement benefit options prior to the employee's selection of any of the retirement options.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Mark Kolterman