# PENSION (AND OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFIT) TRUST FUNDS

Notes to the financial statements, entitled "Deferred Compensation Plans" and "Pension Benefits and Other Postemployment Benefits," include additional information regarding the following funds and plans.

## STATE EMPLOYEES' DEFERRED COMPENSATION FUNDS

The State Employees' Deferred Compensation Fund I (457) and the State Employees' Deferred Compensation Fund II (401k) are combined for reporting purposes. Both funds were administratively established to account for deferred compensation plans that permit State employees to defer a portion of their income until future years. Executive Order 1999-7 transferred administration of the plans from the Department of Treasury to the Department of Management and Budget. However, the State Treasurer continues to oversee investment options.

## LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT FUND

Public Act 261 of 1957 created the Legislative Retirement System (LRS) to provide retirement and other benefits for members of the Legislature, the presiding officers, and their surviving spouses or children. Participants in the system have a deduction from each salary payment to partially finance the fund. Legislative appropriations, interest on fund investments, and court fees complete the financing.

Public Act 486 of 1996 amended LRS' enabling legislation to provide that individuals who first became a legislator or lieutenant governor on or after March 31, 1997, participate in the State's defined contribution plan.

## STATE POLICE RETIREMENT FUND

This fund was created by P.A. 251 of 1935 and later superseded by P.A. 182 of 1986. A nine-member board, under the direction of a chairperson elected from the membership, administers the fund to provide retirement benefits for State Police officers. Financing is provided by investment income and by an annual legislative appropriation.

## STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND

This fund was established by P.A. 240 of 1943 and is administered by a nine-member board under the direction of an Executive Secretary. Public Act 216 of 1974 eliminated the requirement for member contributions and provided for financing by legislative appropriation and investment earnings.

Effective March 31, 1997, P.A. 487 of 1996 closed the plan to new applicants. All new employees become members of the State's defined contribution plan. The public act also allows returning employees and members who left state employment on or before March 31, 1997, to elect the defined benefit plan instead of the defined contribution plan.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND

In accordance with P.A. 300 of 1980, on October 1, 1981, the Public School Employees' Chapter I Retirement Fund merged with the Public School Employees' Chapter II Retirement Fund to establish the Public School Employees' Retirement Fund. Public Acts 136 of 1945 and 259 of 1974, respectively, created the two original funds. An eight-member board governs administrative policy.

Employer contributions and investment earnings provide financing for the fund. Under P.A. 91 of 1985, employees may contribute additional amounts into a "member investment plan."

## JUDGES' RETIREMENT FUND

Public Act 234 of 1992 authorized the merger of the Probate Judges' Retirement Fund into the Judges' Retirement Fund by requiring the consolidation of all assets, rights, and obligations under the former Judges' and Probate Judges' Retirement Funds. The Judges' Retirement Board, with the director of the Office of Retirement Systems as the Executive Secretary, administers the consolidated fund. Financing comes from member contributions, court filing fees as provided under law, investment earnings, and legislative appropriations.

Public Act 523 of 1996, effective March 31, 1997, closed the plan to new entrants. Judges or state officials newly appointed or elected on or after March 31, 1997, become members of the State's defined contribution plan.

## STATE EMPLOYEES' DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT FUND

This fund was established by P.A. 487 of 1996 as a defined contribution pension plan for all state employees hired after March 31, 1997, and for those members of the State Employees' Retirement (defined benefit) System, Judges' Retirement System, and Legislative Retirement System who elected to transfer to this plan. Executive Order 1999-7 transferred administration of the fund from the Department of Treasury to the Department of Management and Budget. However, the State Treasurer shall continue to oversee investment options.