

**Important Pension Portability Reminder for
Former Aviation Police Officers or Federal Law Enforcement Officers**

House Bill 2582 expanded upon Senate Bill 2520, commonly referred to as “Pension Portability” or “Section **214.2**” and was effective **August 11, 2009**. The bill incorporated changes in the Pension Portability Act to include members who formerly participated under Article VIII of the Pension Code (generally former Aviation Police Officers who contributed to the Municipal Employees’ Annuity & Benefit Fund), as well as officers who were formerly employed as a law enforcement officer with any agency of the United States government.

The deadline is one year from the effective date of the bill (**August 11, 2009**) for current officers, and two years after he or she begins employment under this Article for members hired after the effective date of the bill.

Officers who were hired prior to the bill’s effective date have until **August 11, 2010** to make formal application in order to satisfy the one year deadline.

Formal application requires the following:

- ✓ A completed application, as found on our website
- ✓ Verification from your former employer(s) confirming the dates of employment and job position(s) held
- ✓ Verification of your participation in a pension plan from which your former employer(s) made salary deductions, and whether or not you received a refund of those deductions.

Once we receive these documents, we will assign your application to a Board Meeting agenda. The date the Board of Trustees hears your case has no impact of your eligibility to participate under the act.

*Members who are applying under Section **214**, (and who were not previously denied by a prior Board) are not required to participate in SB2520. Therefore, they are not subject to the 1 or 2 year deadlines.*

In all cases, either under Section 214 or 214.2, application for prior service must be made, approved, and paid for, prior to your termination of employment with the Chicago Police Department.

If you have any questions regarding Pension Portability, please contact our office.