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Introduced by M. of A. ABBATE, COLTON, FAHY -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. AUBRY, MOSLEY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Employees -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- again reported from said committee with amendments, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- ordered to a third reading -- committed to the Committee on Governmental Employees -- reported and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the retirement and social security law, in relation to providing beneficiaries with the same allocation of retirement benefits if the member has the service retirement application, disability retirement applications or option election forms postmarked prior to his or her death

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The retirement and social security law is amended by adding
2 a new section 74-a to read as follows:
3 S 74-A. APPLICATIONS AND ELECTIONS; ISSUES DUE TO DEATH. WHENEVER A
4 STATUTE REQUIRES THAT A DOCUMENT MUST BE FILED OR MONEYS DEPOSITED WITH
5 THE SYSTEM WITHIN A PRESCRIBED PERIOD OF TIME OR BY A SPECIFIED DATE IN
6 ORDER FOR A MEMBER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICE CREDIT OR A BENEFIT FROM
7 THE SYSTEM THE DOCUMENT SHALL BE DEEMED FILED OR THE MONEYS DEPOSITED
8 WITH THE SYSTEM ON THE DAY THEY ARE CLEARLY POSTMARKED BY THE UNITED
9 STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM MAY SPECIFICALLY PERMIT
10 BY RULE OR REGULATION. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS HEREOF, NO SUCH
11 DOCUMENT SHALL BE DEEMED FILED OR MONEYS DEPOSITED WITH THE SYSTEM ON
12 THE DAY OF MAILING UNLESS ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AS
13 A RESULT OF SUCH MAILING.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 S 2. The retirement and social security law is amended by adding a new
2 section 374-a to read as follows:

3 S 374-A. APPLICATIONS AND ELECTIONS; ISSUES DUE TO DEATH. WHENEVER A
4 STATUTE REQUIRES THAT A DOCUMENT MUST BE FILED OR MONEYS DEPOSITED WITH
5 THE SYSTEM WITHIN A PRESCRIBED PERIOD OF TIME OR BY A SPECIFIED DATE IN
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11 DOCUMENT SHALL BE DEEMED FILED OR MONEYS DEPOSITED WITH THE SYSTEM ON
12 THE DAY OF MAILING UNLESS ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AS
13 A RESULT OF SUCH MAILING.

14 S 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, none
15 of the provisions of this act shall be subject to section 25 of the
16 retirement and social security law.

17 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL NOTE.--Pursuant to Legislative Law, Section 50:

This bill would amend certain filing requirements of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS) and the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System (PFRS) by setting the date of filing as the date of postmark for any document that has to be filed, or payment that has to be made by a specified date or within a prescribed time period.

If this bill is enacted, we anticipate that the cost impact would be negligible.

ERS costs: Pursuant to Section 25 of the Retirement and Social Security Law, any cost incurred would be borne by the State of New York and would require an itemized appropriation by the State of New York sufficient to pay the cost of the provision.

PFRS costs would be shared by the State of New York and all participating employers in the PFRS.

Summary of relevant resources:

The membership data used in measuring the impact of the proposed change was the same as that used in the March 31, 2013 actuarial valuation. Distributions and other statistics can be found in the 2013 Report of the Actuary and the 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The actuarial assumptions and methods used are described in the 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 Annual Report to the Comptroller on Actuarial Assumptions, and the Codes Rules and Regulations of the State of New York: Audit and Control.

The Market Assets and GASB Disclosures are found in the March 31, 2013 New York State and Local Retirement System Financial Statements and Supplementary Information.

I am a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and meet the Qualification Standards to render the actuarial opinion contained herein.

This estimate, dated June 10, 2014, and intended for use only during the 2014 Legislative Session, is Fiscal Note No. 2014-151, prepared by the Actuary for the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System and the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System.