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FINAL
FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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BILL TOPIC: FPPA STATEWIDE PLAN ELECTION APPROVAL STANDARD

Summary of Legislation

This bill establishes a uniform standard for approving modifications to the statewide defined benefits plan administered by the Fire and Police Pension Association (FPPA). Employers who participate in plans administered by FPPA, and who wish to modify their status in the plan, must conduct an election and obtain the approval of 65 percent of those employees who vote in that election. Under current law, some employers need to obtain approval of 65 percent of all their employees. This bill creates a uniformly lower standard for approving plan modifications.

Local Government Impact

The bill reduces the election participation rate necessary for employees of local governments to approve changes to their pension plans. This may reduce administrative costs for local governments to ensure that enough active members turn in ballots to approve these changes.

Statutory Public Entity Impact

The bill has minimal fiscal impact for the FPPA. In general, the bill decreases the amount of assistance the association is likely to provide to local government employers that conduct elections to modify plan benefits. Savings from increased effectiveness of member elections will offset any increase in the number or scope of such elections. Therefore, this fiscal note assumes that FPPA's overall workload and costs are minimally affected by the bill.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on March 8, 2017.

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