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**Illinois Public Act 98-0599 (SB 1)
“Pension Reform” becomes “Pension Reduction”**

The retirement benefits of many SURS participants, active and retired, have been impaired by this legislation – in direct violation, we believe, of the Illinois Constitution.

It is imperative that SUAA pursue legal action to reverse this diminishment of our contractual benefits. To this end, the SUAA Executive Committee has retained Aaron Maduff of Maduff & Maduff, LLC and John Carr, SUAA Legal Attorney and Lobbyist, to provide legal services on our behalf.

An effective legal challenge requires substantial financing. Lawsuits will be heard by multiple courts and perhaps in both state and federal jurisdictions. Depending on the actions required, SUAA will need a legal fund of at least \$500 thousand and more likely up to \$1 million.

Each SUAA member is urged to take three actions:

First, make a personal contribution to the SUAA Legal Fund. Given the enormity of the damage done if PA 98-0599 is not overturned, a suggestion of a contribution equal to the value of the monthly increase in your annuity you just received (\$2.50 per \$1,000 of annual pension income). Without a successful challenge, the annual adjustment will never again be that high for the majority of annuitants.

For those currently working, please consider 1% of your monthly earnings.

Next, urge your local Chapter leaders to contribute Chapter resources to the Legal Fund.

Third, contact at least five of your friends or acquaintances who are SURS participants but who may not be SUAA members. Urge them to contribute to the SUAA Legal Fund.

SUAA is fighting for all SURS participants!

Please send contributions to: SUAA Legal Fund c/o SUAA, 217 East Monroe Street Suite 100, Springfield, IL 62701 or contribute on line at www.suaa.org/ContributeToLegalFund.php. All contributions will be used to cover costs associated with the legal challenge to PA 98-0599 or subsequent efforts that impair the benefits SUAA members have earned and paid for.

(Please note that funds to support this legal challenge are not tax deductible.)

SUAA will coordinate efforts with all other groups representing state pension system participants and those bringing legal challenges to PA 98-0599. Our priority is to engage legal representation that focuses on SUAA concerns and interests as well as group concerns.

Thank you for helping SUAA sustain our efforts on your behalf.