

RESOLUTION NO. R02-02 CMS

A RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO ENACT CERTAIN LEGISLATION AS IT AFFECTS OBERLIN CITY RETIREES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Association to Amend or Repeal the burdensome impact of the Social Security Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP); and

WHEREAS, the GPO effectively denies many state and local government retirees some or all of the spousal Social Security benefits that they had counted on from the spouses' work that was covered by Social Security, and

WHEREAS, proposed Legislation in House Bill 664 and Senate Bill 611 would correct this inequity; and

WHEREAS, the WEP penalizes employees who retire from government service after an earlier career working for other concerns, and

WHEREAS, proposed modifications contained within House Bill 848 would eliminate application of the WEP and House Bill 1073 would remove the penalty from the first \$2000 of monthly combined pension payments, phasing in implementation of payment reduction above \$2000 per month; and

WHEREAS, further, House Bill 2638 would repeal both the GPO and WEP penalties of the Social Security Law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OBERLIN, COUNTY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO, five-sevenths (5/7ths) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That the City of Oberlin, Ohio, hereby urges adoption of House Bill 664, 848, 1073 or 2638 and Senate Bill 611.

SECTION 2. That copies of this Resolution be transmitted to U.S. Representative Sherrod Brown, U.S. Senator Michael DeWine and U.S. Senator George Voinovich.

SECTION 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the citizens of the City of Oberlin, to wit:

“to notify the U.S. Congress of the City of Oberlin's support of modification or repeal of the GPO and WEP”,

and shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED: 1st Reading – January 7, 2002 (Amended)(E)
2nd Reading -
3rd Reading -

ATTEST:

Crystal Howard
CLERK OF COUNCIL

William J. Jones
CHAIR OF COUNCIL

POSTED: January 8, 2002

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 8, 2002