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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SNYDER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. RESTORATION OF CERTAIN JUDICIAL SUR-**
4 **VIVORS' ANNUITIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 376 of title 28, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

1 “(x) In the case of a widow or widower whose annuity
2 under clause (i) or (ii) of subsection (h)(1) is terminated
3 because of remarriage before attaining 55 years of age,
4 the annuity shall be restored at the same rate commencing
5 on the day the remarriage is dissolved by death, divorce,
6 or annulment, if—

7 “(1) the widow or widower elects to receive this
8 annuity instead of any other survivor annuity to
9 which such widow or widower may be entitled, under
10 this chapter or under another retirement system for
11 Government employees, by reason of the remarriage;
12 and

13 “(2) any payment made to such widow or wid-
14 ower under subsection (o) or (p) on termination of
15 the annuity is returned to the Judicial Survivors’
16 Annuities Fund.”.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 376(h)(2)
18 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking
19 the period at the end and inserting “, subject to subsection
20 (x).”.

21 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—This Act and the amendments
23 made by this Act shall take effect on the first day of the
24 first month beginning at least 30 days after the date of
25 the enactment of this Act and shall apply in the case of

1 a remarriage which is dissolved by death, divorce, or an-
2 nulment on or after such first day.

3 (b) LIMITED RETROACTIVE EFFECT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a remarriage
5 which is dissolved by death, divorce, or annulment
6 within the 4-year period ending on the day before
7 the effective date of this Act, the amendments made
8 by this Act shall apply only if the widow or widower
9 satisfies the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2)
10 of section 376(x) of title 28, United States Code (as
11 amended by this Act) before—

12 (A) the end of the 1-year period beginning
13 on the effective date of this Act; or

14 (B) such later date as Director of the Ad-
15 ministrative Office of the United States Courts
16 may by regulation prescribe.

17 (2) RESTORATION.—If the requirements of
18 paragraph (1) are satisfied, the survivor annuity
19 shall be restored, commencing on the date the re-
20 marriage was dissolved by death, annulment, or di-
21 vorce, at the rate which was in effect when the an-
22 nuity was terminated.

23 (3) LUMP-SUM PAYMENT.—Any amounts be-
24 coming payable to the widow or widower under this
25 subsection for the period beginning on the date on

1 which the annuity was terminated and ending on the
2 date on which periodic annuity payments resume
3 shall be payable in a lump-sum payment.

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