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**TO:** ALL SENATORS  
**FROM:** Senator Patricia H. Vance  
**DATE:** November 29, 2011  
**SUBJECT:** Memo #27 –Legislation amending the Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act

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In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation to amend the Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act to more closely align the forfeiture of pensions for public officials and public employees with the forfeiture provisions which apply to justices, judges and members of the minor judiciary.

Currently, only public officials and public employees convicted of committing certain crimes through public office or position or when the public employment places those individuals in a position to commit the crime forfeit the employer-funded portion of their public pension benefit. On the other hand, the Pennsylvania Constitution provides that those in the judiciary lose their pensions if convicted of any felony which would suspend, remove or bar them from holding office.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact my office at 787-8524 or email Kit Davis at [kdavis@pasen.gov](mailto:kdavis@pasen.gov).