

INTERPRETIVE LETTER 80-1 (JANUARY 29, 1980)

Policemen and Firemen's Pension Funds are "public funds" for which a state bank may pledge assets to secure deposits.

Your letter addressed to * has been referred to me for comment.

In question is whether the * Policemen's and Firemen's Pension Funds represent "public funds" such that a bank may secure their deposit pursuant to Section 5(7)(d) of the Illinois Banking Act.

After completing a thorough research on this issue, it is the opinion of this office that Policemen's and Firemen's pension funds established in accordance with the Illinois Pension Act (Ill. Rev. Stat. ch. 108 1/2 (1977)) do represent "public funds" for purposes of Section 5(7)(d) of the Illinois Banking Act.

Therefore, this office will offer no objection to * bank pledging its assets to secure deposits of the * Policemen's and Firemen's Pension Funds.