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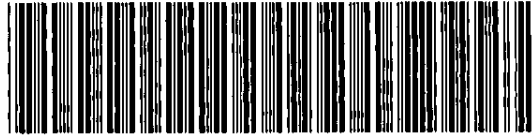
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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PROTECTION FUND, INC.**

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SECTION 7 OF STATUTES  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA  
Chapter 617

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of this Corporation not for profit pursuant to Chapter 617 Florida Statutes, adopt the following articles of incorporation and state as follows:

**ARTICLE I**  
**Name and Principal Place of Business**

The name of the corporation is Defined Benefit Retirement Protection Fund, Inc. The initial principal place of business and mailing address is: 1136 Coe Landing Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32310.

**ARTICLE II**  
**Duration**

The period of the duration of this corporation shall be perpetual unless dissolved in accordance with Florida law. Corporate existence shall commence upon filing with the Secretary of State.

**ARTICLE III**  
**Purposes**

The purposes for which this corporation is created and maintained shall be exclusively for the promotion of social welfare and no activities which are not permitted by an organization exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, shall be permitted.

The corporation shall have the following specified powers:

- (1) To gather, analyze and disseminate data and information relating to employee pensions at the state, county and municipal levels and other issues, including, but not limited to, the support of professional firefighters;

- (2) To serve as a core organization to bring together citizens, governmental agencies and representatives of other organizations which have a common interest in issues relating to state, county and municipal pensions, generally, within the State of Florida;
- (3) To conduct fundraising activities for the production of revenues adequate to carry out the purposes of the corporation;
- (4) To employ staff, consultants, attorneys and accountants as are necessary for the proper operation of the corporation;
- (5) To disseminate to the public, civic and governmental organizations and other non-profit and business entities information relating to the purposes of the corporation and such other subjects as may from time to time arise;
- (6) To exercise powers permitted by Florida law of a corporation not for profit;
- (7) To register, if it becomes necessary, and function as a political committee pursuant to Chapter 106, Florida Statutes or the corresponding section of any later adopted statutes or to establish a separate political committee, as permitted by law;
- (8) To conduct such other related activities permitted to be conducted by an organization exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**Restrictions**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers, or other private persons; provided, however, the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III, hereof and to pay or reimburse the reasonable expenses of fundraising and carrying out the objectives of the corporation.

**ARTICLE V**  
**Members**

The initial members of the corporation shall be the Officers and Executive Board of the corporation.

Other classifications of membership may be as established by the Executive Board as provided in the by-laws of the corporation and may consist of separate categories of membership, each with different rights and responsibilities.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**Registered Office**

The street address and city of the registered office of the corporation is:

1136 Coe Landing Road  
Tallahassee, Florida 32310

The name of the initial registered agent at such address is Don Teems.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**Executive Board**

The number of persons constituting the Executive Board of the corporation shall not be less than three (3) nor more than ten (13) members as determined in the by-laws. The by-laws shall provide the process for the selection of Board members; provided that the incorporators will appoint the initial Board members. There shall be no limit on the number of terms a Board member may serve. Board members shall serve with no compensation; provided, however, the Board may authorize reimbursement of expenses incurred by Board members in conjunction with the corporation's business or other approved activities directly related to the corporation's purposes.

The Officers of the corporation shall serve as *ex officio* Board members with full voting rights. Remaining members of the Board shall serve in an advisory capacity.

Nothing herein shall be construed to preclude any Board member from serving the corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefore.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**Officers**

The corporation shall have such Officers as may be provided for in the by-laws. The manner of selection of Officers shall also be provided for in the by-laws; provided that the incorporators shall appoint the initial Officers. The corporation shall have at least the following Officers:

1. Chairperson/President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary/Treasurer

An individual may hold more than one office in the corporation. Duties and terms of office of Officers shall be described in the by-laws.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**Indemnification of Officers and Board Members**

As provided in the by-laws, Officers and Board members shall be indemnified by the corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including attorney's fees, (including any incurred in appellate proceedings), reasonably incurred in connection with any proceeding or settlement thereof in which they may become involved by reason of holding such office. The corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of all Officers and Board members against any such liability asserted against them or incurred by them in their capacity as Officers and Board members or arising out of their status as such.

**ARTICLE X**  
**Non-Stock Basis**

This corporation is organized on a non-stock basis.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**Dissolution**

In the event of dissolution of this corporation, the residual assets of the corporation will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or corresponding sections of any prior or future United States Internal Revenue law or to the federal, state or local government to be used for exclusively public purposes.

**ARTICLE XII**  
**Amendments**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by majority vote of the Board members as provided in Section 617.1002(1)(b), Florida Statutes, at a meeting called for such purposes.

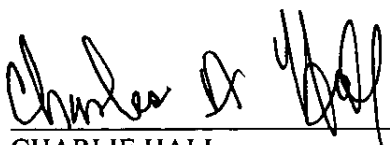
**ARTICLE XIII**  
**Incorporators**

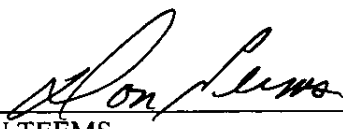
The names and addresses of the incorporators of this Corporation are as follows:

Charlie Hall  
2053 Wildridge Drive  
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Don Teems  
1136 Coe Landing Road  
Tallahassee, Florida 32310

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporators, pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida do hereby make and file in the office of the Secretary of State of Florida these Articles of Incorporation and further certify that the facts stated herein are true and correct.

  
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CHARLIE HALL  
INCORPORATOR

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DON TEEMS  
INCORPORATOR

**VERIFICATION**

STATE OF FLORIDA            )  
COUNTY OF LEON            )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013, by Charlie Hall and Don Teems, who produced satisfactory evidence of identification. (Type of Identification Produced: FDL )

WITNESS my hand and seal in the County and State named above on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.

My Commission Expires



Lynn T. Thomas  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Notary Public: \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

**ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT**

Don Teems, the Registered Agent named in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, by the execution of this acceptance, does hereby agree to abide by the provisions of Section 607.0501, Florida Statutes, with respect to the duties of such registered agent and agrees to maintain normal business hours at the following address: 1136 Coe Landing Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32310.

Don Teems  
DON TEEMS  
REGISTERED AGENT

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