

## **Change in Dues Payment Notification**

As you no doubt are aware, the General Assembly overrode the Governor's veto of S 727, "**No Dues Check-off for Active and Retired School Employees**" last week. Yesterday, NCAE won an Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) on this matter. This TRO puts everything on hold, i.e. maintains status quo for dues to continue to be deducted for now, and gives NCAE 10 business days to get a Preliminary Injunction. If we get the injunction, dues cannot be stopped until the court case is heard and decided, which could be months from now.

In the interim, NCRSP and NCAE are moving forward with developing other options for members to pay dues going forward, because the Gen. Assembly will likely come back this spring/summer and pass a bill that will prohibit *all associations* from collecting membership dues. So as of now, NCAE and NCRSP are no longer going to sign up new members on payroll deduction. We will eventually move everyone from the current "payroll deduction" method to some other form of dues payment.

*We want to maintain all of our current members*, so the plan is to 'roll over' or 'flip' the current payroll members to bank draft by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) ---or possibly credit card, but this move of 7,300 retired members currently on payroll deduction will take some time and a concerted effort by all of us to get done!

NCRSP is working with NCAE staff on an EFT form for this 'flipping' process. To change a member from their current payroll deduction method to bank draft, the member must authorize a deduction from their bank account each month and attach a voided check to the authorization form. As soon as the form is available, I will send to all of you to share with your members and ask your help in getting them 'flipped'.

OTHER ways to get members 'flipped': 1) Electronically ---We anticipate having access to a secure website through NCAE for members to convert to bank draft on their own. 2) We will also have a 'flipping' station set up at convention, so members can do it there—remind everyone to bring a VOIDED Check. 3) Local retiree unit meetings—dedicating time at upcoming meetings to convert current payroll members to bank draft or call a special meeting/time to do this locally; 4) Retirees could possibly go to local schools when 'active' members are converting their dues from payroll to bank draft. 5) Direct mail to members; and 6) In-person visits.