17:16-40.2 Permissible investments

(a) Subject to the limitations contained in this subchapter, the Director may invest and reinvest the moneys of any eligible fund in the non-convertible preferred stock of a U.S. corporation provided that:

1. (No change.)

2. The company has a market capitalization or contributed capital of at least \$100 million. Subsequent to purchase, if capitalization or contributed capital falls below \$100 million, the investment does not have to be sold; and

3. (No change.)

(b) Notwithstanding the restrictions in (a) above, the Director may invest and reinvest the moneys of Common Pension Fund B in corporate obligations of U.S. based corporations, international corporate obligations, collateralized notes and mortgages, [bank loans] global diversified credit investments, non-convertible preferred stock, and mortgage backed passthrough securities that do not meet the minimum credit ratings set forth in N.J.A.C. 17:16-12.2, 16.2, 19.2, 23.2, this section, and N.J.A.C. 17:16-58.2, respectively; provided, however, the market value of such investments shall not exceed [five] eight percent of the combined assets of all of the Pension and Annuity Funds.

(c) Notwithstanding the restrictions in (a) above, the Director may invest and reinvest the moneys of Common Pension Fund B in corporate obligations of U.S. based corporations, international corporate obligations, and non-convertible preferred stock of companies that do not meet the minimum market capitalization or contributed capital set forth in N.J.A.C. 17:16-12.2 and 16.2 and this section, respectively; provided, however, the market value of such investments shall not exceed one percent of the combined assets of all the Pension and Annuity Funds.

(d) (No change.)

(a)

STATE INVESTMENT COUNCIL Common Stocks and Issues Convertible into Common Stocks (Trust Funds) Permissible Investments

Proposed Amendment: N.J.A.C. 17:16-42.2

Authorized By: State Investment Council, Timothy M. Walsh, Director, Division of Investment.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 52:18A-91.

Calendar Reference: See Summary below for explanation of exception to calendar requirement.

Proposal Number: PRN 2012-142.

Submit comments by November 30, 2012 to:

Timothy M. Walsh Administrative Practice Officer Division of Investment PO Box 290 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0290

The agency proposal follows:

Summary

N.J.A.C. 17:16-42 sets forth the permissible investments and limitations for certain trust funds.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 17:16-42.2(a) deleting paragraph (a)1 is required due to an amendment to N.J.S.A. 52:18A-115, which provides that common stocks and securities purchased for the Supplemental Annuity Collective Trust Fund shall be traded on a securities exchange in the United States or over-the-counter market. See P.L. 2011, c. 78. Paragraph (a)1 reflected the statute's pre-amendment requirement that the common stock for the Supplemental Annuity Collective Trust Fund shall be listed on a securities exchange in the United States. The proposed amendment also corrects a spelling error.

Because the Division is providing a 60-day comment period on this notice of proposal, this notice is exempted from the rulemaking calendar requirement pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:30-3.3(a)5.

Social Impact

The proposed amendment shall have no social impact as it serves only to make the rules of the State Investment Council consistent with N.J.S.A. 52:18A-115.

Economic Impact

The proposed amendment shall have no economic impact as it serves only to make the rules of the State Investment Council consistent with N.J.S.A. 52:18A-115.

Federal Standards Statement

A Federal standards analysis is not required because the investment policy rules of the State Investment Council are not subject to any Federal requirements or standards.

Jobs Impact

The State Investment Council and the Division of Investment do not anticipate that any jobs will be generated or lost by virtue of the proposed amendment.

Agriculture Industry Impact

The proposed amendment will have no impact on the agriculture industry.

Regulatory Flexibility Statement

A regulatory flexibility analysis is not required since the proposed amendment will have no effect on small businesses as the term is defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-16 et seq., but regulate only the Director of the Division of Investment.

Housing Affordability Impact Analysis

The proposed amendment will have no impact on the affordability of housing in the State of New Jersey. The proposed amendment serves only to make the rules of the State Investment Council consistent with N.J.S.A. 52:18A-115.

Smart Growth Development Impact Analysis

The proposed amendment is not anticipated to have an impact on the availability of affordable housing or housing production within Planning Areas 1 or 2, or within designated centers, under the State Development and Redevelopment Plan in New Jersey. The proposed amendment serves only to make the rules of the State Investment Council consistent with N.J.S.A. 52:18A-115.

Full text of the proposal follows (additions indicated in boldface **thus**; deletion indicated in brackets [thus]):

17:16-42.2 Permissible investments

(a) Subject to the limitations contained in this subchapter, the Director may invest and reinvest the moneys of any eligible fund in common stock issued by a company that is traded on a securities exchange in the United States or the over-the-counter market, except that[:

1. The common stock for the Supplemental Annuity Collective Trust Fund shall be listed on a securities exchange in the United States, as required by N.J.S.A. 52:18A-115; and

2. The] the common stock for the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey - Endowment Funds shall be issued by a company incorporated [with in] within the United States or within the Dominion of Canada, as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:64G-9.

(b)-(c) (No change.)