

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 56

2015 Regular Session

Hoffmann

RETIREMENT/DISTRICT ATTY: Provides relative to modification of employer contribution rates by the board of trustees of the District Attorneys' Retirement System

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Make technical changes by moving the authorizations in proposed law from the general (multi-system) statutes to the statutes applicable exclusively to the District Attorneys' Retirement System (DARS).
2. Requires any cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) paid for pursuant to proposed law to comply with present law funded ratio and timing requirements for granting COLAs (R.S. 11:243).

Proposed law grants the District Attorneys' Retirement System (DARS) board of trustees the authority to set employer contribution rates above actuarial requirements in certain circumstances. Generally, in a year in which the required employer contribution rate would otherwise decrease, the board is authorized to:

- (1) Hold the contribution rate at the previous year's level.
- (2) Set the contribution rate anywhere between the new lower rate and the previous year's higher rate.

Proposed law further authorizes the board to add up to 3% to the required employer contribution rate in any year.

Proposed law requires any contribution rate adjustment made pursuant to proposed law to be set by rule adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

Proposed law establishes a "funding deposit account" for DARS. Funds collected pursuant to proposed law in excess of minimum required employer contributions shall be deposited in this account and may be used by the board of trustees for the following purposes:

- (1) To reduce employer contribution rates
- (2) To fund cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) granted in accordance with present law.

Proposed law requires any grant of a COLA paid for pursuant to proposed law to comply with present law funded ratio and timing requirements (R.S. 11:243).

Proposed law further requires any use of the money in the account to be authorized by rule adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

Effective June 30, 2015.

(Adds R.S. 11:1658 and 1659)