

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 14

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

RETIREMENT/FIREFIGHTERS: Prohibits certain employees from rejoining the Firefighters' Retirement System and Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:157(A) and (C) and to enact R.S. 11:157(D), relative to
3 membership in the Firefighters' Retirement System and the Municipal Police
4 Employees' Retirement System; to provide relative to rejoining the system and the
5 purchase of service credit under certain circumstances; to provide for membership
6 verification; and to provide for related matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
8 as provided by Article X, Section 29(C) of the Constitution
9 of Louisiana.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 11:157(A) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
12 11:157(D) is enacted to read as follows:

13 §157. Firefighters' Retirement System; Municipal Police Employees' Retirement
14 System; optional membership; refund of employee contributions; irrevocable
15 election; reenrollment; membership verification information

16 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any employee
17 as defined in R.S. 11:2213 or 2252 who is employed by any ~~municipality, parish, or~~
18 ~~fire protection district of this state~~ employer as defined in R.S. 11:2213 or 2252
19 which has its employees covered under the federal Social Security program and

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits persons who withdraw from the Firefighters' Retirement System (FRS) or the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (MPERS) from rejoining the system.

Present law authorizes anyone who is employed by a parish, municipality, or fire protection district whose employees are also covered under the federal Social Security program to choose not to become a member of MPERS or FRS as applicable.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires a member who wishes to rejoin the system while employed by the same parish, municipality, or fire protection district to repay his refunded employee contributions with interest. Proposed law prohibits a person from rejoining FRS or MPERS while he is employed by the same employer or any other employer whose employees are covered under the federal Social Security program.

Proposed law further provides that an employee who chose not to be a member and who returns to work for an employer whose employees are not covered under the federal Social Security program may join or rejoin the system but may not purchase service credit for the period of time that he chose not to be a member.

Proposed law authorizes the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to provide FRS and MPERS with the name, address, and social security number of each recipient of state supplemental pay.

(Amends R.S. 11:157(A) and (C); Adds R.S. 11:157(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Retirement to the original bill:

1. Make technical corrections.
2. Authorize the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to provide FRS and MPERS with the address of each recipient of state supplemental pay.