

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 184

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBIDEAUX

INSURANCE/GROUP-STATE: Provides relative to the maximum state health insurance contribution for certain judicial retirees

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 42:851(T), relative to state group insurance for certain retirees; to provide
3 with respect to contributions for premiums for certain judicial retirees; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 42:851(T) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §851. Authority for employee benefit programs; payroll deduction for payment of
8 premiums

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10 T. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, any judge
11 or court officer enumerated in R.S. 11:553 who was in office on or before December
12 31, 2001, and who elects to take retirement within the Louisiana State Employees'
13 Retirement System, and who is enrolled in the Office of Group Benefits program
14 provided by this Part prior to the end of their service, shall, upon retirement, be
15 eligible to maintain enrollment in the Office of Group Benefits program with a state
16 contribution of seventy-five percent of his premium.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the maximum state health insurance premium contribution for certain judicial retirees.

Present law establishes the Office of Group Benefits health insurance program and provides for eligibility, coverages, and premium structures and requirements. Specifically, provides

that persons who did not participate in the program prior to Jan. 1, 2002, or who are hired after Jan. 1, 2002, shall be subject to a vesting schedule relating their years of participation in the Office of Group Benefits program to the level of state contribution to their total insurance premium upon retirement. Persons with less than 10 years of participation in the Office of Group Benefits program shall have a 19% state contribution; those with between 10 and 15 years will receive a 38% state contribution; those with between 15 and 20 years will receive a 56% state contribution; and those with 20 or more years shall have a 75% state contribution.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that, notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, any judge or court officer enumerated in R.S. 11:553 who was in office on or before Dec. 31, 2001, and who elects to take retirement within the La. State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS), and who is enrolled in the Office of Group Benefits program prior to the end of their service, shall, upon retirement, be eligible to maintain enrollment in the Office of Group Benefits program with a state contribution of 75%.

Present law (R.S. 11:553) sets forth judges and court officers who may, under certain circumstances, become eligible to become members of LASERS.

(Adds R.S. 42:851(T))