

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 80

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: Provides relative to group health insurance for retired district attorneys

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 16:516(A), relative to district attorneys; to provide for the  
3 payment of group health insurance premiums from the district attorney's general fund  
4 in the Thirty-First Judicial District; to establish criteria for eligibility; and to provide  
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 16:516(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §516. Health insurance; retired district attorneys; certain judicial districts

9 A. The premium costs of group health insurance ~~shall~~ may be paid in full  
10 from the district attorney's general fund, in and for the Fifth, Seventh, Eighteenth,  
11 Twenty-First, Twenty-Third, Twenty-Fifth, Twenty-Ninth, Thirtieth, Thirty-First,  
12 Thirty-Third, Thirty-Sixth, and Fortieth judicial districts as may be applicable, for  
13 any district attorney who retired with at least ~~twenty-five~~ twenty-four years of full-  
14 time service regardless of age.

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DIGEST

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HB 80 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to group health insurance for retired district attorneys in the 31st, 33rd, and 36th Judicial Districts.

Present law provides that the cost of group health insurance premiums shall be paid from the district attorney's general fund for district attorneys who have retired with 25 years of creditable service in the District Attorneys' Retirement System, regardless of age, in the 5th, 7th, 18th, 21st, 23rd, 25th, 29th, 30th, and 40th Judicial Districts.

Proposed law retains present law except with regard to how the payment of the costs of group health insurance premiums are paid, proposed law no longer requires the costs of group health insurance premiums to be paid from the district attorney's general fund but rather allows for the premiums to be paid from the fund.

Proposed law adds the 31st, 33rd, and 36th Judicial Districts to those for which group health insurance premiums may be paid for district attorneys who have retired, and changes the required years of service from 25 years to 24 years for all district attorneys included in present law and proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 16:516(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Change the requisite years of service for eligibility to receive retirement benefits from 25 years to 24 years.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add the 33rd and 36th Judicial Districts to the group of retired district attorneys.
2. Change the payment of group health insurance premiums from mandatory to permissive.