

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 15

BY SENATOR GUILLORY

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE RET. Provides for benefit accruals for elected officials. (7/1/12)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1782(1) and (3) and 1802(1) and (3), relative to the Municipal
3 Employees' Retirement System; to provide for computation of normal retirement
4 allowances of certain elected officials; to provide for an effective date; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 11:1782(1) and (3) and 1802(1) and (3) are hereby amended and
9 reenacted to read as follows:

10 §1782. Computation of normal retirement allowances; return of accumulated
11 contributions

12 The monthly amount of the retirement allowance for any member of Plan A
13 shall consist of an amount equal to three percent of the member's final compensation
14 multiplied by his years of creditable service, provided however, that:

15 (1) Any member who **is eligible to retire as of January 1, 2013, who** has
16 held an elective office in a municipality which is a participating employer shall be
17 paid an additional annuity equal to one-half of one percent for each year of such

1 elective service **prior to January 1, 2013. The member shall not be entitled to an**
2 **additional annuity for any year of elective service after January 1, 2013.**

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4 (3) Any city marshal or deputy city marshal, excluding those members
5 serving as city marshals and deputy city marshals of Bossier City or Ruston on June
6 30, 2003, shall receive an additional regular retirement benefit computed as follows:
7 the monthly average of the seventy-two highest consecutive or joined months of
8 supplemental marshals' earnings on which contributions were paid to the retirement
9 system multiplied by the number of years contributions were paid to the retirement
10 system on supplemental marshals' earnings multiplied by three percent for all service
11 as a city marshal or deputy city marshal, plus one-half of one percent for all elected
12 service as a city marshal. Should the period for which contributions are paid to the
13 retirement system for supplemental marshals' earnings be less than seventy-two
14 months, then the actual period on which contributions were paid shall be used to
15 determine average supplemental marshals' earnings used to compute this benefit.
16 **However, the additional one-half of one percent for all elected service as a city**
17 **marshal shall not accrue to anyone's benefit on or after January 1, 2013.**

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19 §1802. Computation of normal retirement allowance

20 The monthly amount of the retirement allowance for any member of Plan B
21 shall consist of an amount equal to two percent of the member's final compensation
22 multiplied by his years of creditable service, provided that:

23 (1) Any member who **is eligible to retire as of January 1, 2013, who** has
24 held an elective office in a municipality which is a participating employer shall be
25 paid an additional annuity equal to one-half of one percent for each year of such
26 elective service **prior to January 1, 2013. The member shall not be entitled to**
27 **an additional annuity for any year of elective service after January 1, 2013;** and

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29 (3) Any city marshal or deputy city marshal, excluding those members

1 serving as city marshals and deputy city marshals of Bossier City or Ruston on June
 2 30, 2003, shall receive an additional regular retirement benefit computed as follows:
 3 the monthly average of the seventy-two highest consecutive or joined months of
 4 supplemental marshals' earnings on which contributions were paid to the retirement
 5 system multiplied by the number of years contributions were paid to the retirement
 6 system on supplemental marshals' earnings multiplied by two percent for all service
 7 as a city marshal or deputy city marshal, plus one-half of one percent for all elected
 8 service as a city marshal. Should the period over which contributions are paid to the
 9 retirement system on supplemental marshals' earnings be less than seventy-two
 10 months, then the actual period for which contributions were paid shall be used to
 11 determine average supplemental marshals' earnings used to compute this benefit.
 12 **However, the additional one-half of one percent for all elected service as a city**
 13 **marshal shall not accrue to anyone's benefit on or after January 1, 2013.**

14 Section 3. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2012; if vetoed by the governor
 15 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
 16 2012, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Laura Gail Sullivan.

DIGEST

Present law provides generally that members of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) shall, for each year of service as a non-elected public servant, receive a monthly retirement allowance equal to:

Plan A: 3% x final compensation x years of service.
 Plan B: 2% x final compensation x years of service.

Present law provides that members of Plan A or B who have held elective office shall receive a monthly allowance equal to:

Plan A: 3.5% x final compensation x years of elected service.
 Plan B: 2.5% x final compensation x years of elected service.

Proposed law retains present law for persons eligible to retire on January 1, 2013.

Proposed law eliminates the additional 0.5% accrual for all service credit earned on or after Jan. 1, 2013.

Effective July 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 11:1782(1) and (3) and 1802(1) and (3))