

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 9

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RET. Provides for eligibility to receive benefits after withdrawal from service. (6/30/16)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1142(C) and to enact R.S. 11:1142(D), relative to the  
3 Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System; to provide for receipt of a  
4 retirement allowance after withdrawal from service; to provide for an effective date;  
5 and to 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. 11:1142(C) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 11:1142(D)  
9 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1142. Withdrawal from service; retirement allowance ~~at age sixty~~

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12 C. Any member whose first employment making him eligible for  
13 membership in one of the state systems occurred on or after July 1, 2015, who has  
14 credit for ~~ten~~ **five** or more years of ~~regular, full-time~~ **creditable** service may  
15 withdraw from service and elect to leave his accumulated contributions in the system  
16 and upon reaching age sixty-two, he shall be eligible to receive a retirement  
17 allowance based on the credits he had at the time of his withdrawal from service.

1 **D. The retirement allowance under this Section shall be due and payable**  
 2 **by the system effective the first day of the month following the attainment of the**  
 3 **age required pursuant to this Section, but shall not be paid until a written**  
 4 **application for retirement is executed and filed with the system.**

5 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2016; if vetoed by the  
 6 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on  
 7 June 30, 2016, 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 Margaret M. Corley.

DIGEST

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Present law (R.S. 11:1141) provides for retirement eligibility for members of the La. School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS). Provides that any member whose first employment making him eligible for membership in one of the state systems occurred on or after July 1, 2015, and who has credit for five or more years of accredited service may retire at age 62.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law allows a LSERS member to leave his contributions with the system upon his withdrawal from service. For a member with the minimum service credit required for retirement eligibility, present law provides that when the member attains retirement age, he may receive a retirement allowance based on the service credit he had at the time he withdrew from service.

Proposed law retains present law and clarifies that any member hired on or after July 1, 2015, may withdraw from service with five or more years of service credit and receive a retirement allowance at age 62.

Proposed law provides that the retirement allowance shall not be due and payable by the system effective the first day of the month following the attainment of the required age and shall not be paid until a written application for retirement is executed and filed with the system.

Effective June 30, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 11:1142(C); adds R.S. 11:1142(D))