

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 33

2017 Regular Session

Pearson

June 5, 2017

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 33 by Representative Pearson, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

- 1. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments by the Senate Committee on Retirement (#1762) be adopted.
- 2. That the following amendments to the Engrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, delete "11:186(A)" and insert "11:183 and 186(A)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after "systems;" and before "to provide" insert "to provide relative to trustee eligibility;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 10, delete "11:186(A)" and insert "11:183 and 186(A)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

"§183. Board members subject to Code of Governmental Ethics
A. Any member of a state or statewide retirement system board of trustees who does not hold an office by virtue of an election conducted pursuant to the Louisiana Election Code shall be deemed a public employee for purposes of compliance with Chapter 15 of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.
B. For elections or appointments made on or after July 1, 2017, no person who has been found in violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics for actions involving the misuse of public funds shall be eligible to serve as trustee.

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Respectfully submitted,

Representative Kevin Pearson

Senator Barrow Peacock

Representative Gregory Miller

Senator John Alario

Representative Paul Hollis

Senator Patrick Page Cortez

DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

RETIREMENT/BDS - COMMISSIONS: Provides relative to legislative staff attendance at executive sessions of the boards of trustees of state and statewide retirement systems

Report adopts Senate amendments to:

1. Make technical changes.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Prohibit any person who has been found in violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics for actions involving the misuse of public funds from being eligible to serve as trustee on any state or statewide retirement system board of trustees.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law provides that the chairmen of the House Committee on Retirement and the Senate Committee on Retirement, as ex officio members of the state and statewide retirement system boards, may authorize legislative staff to attend executive sessions of any board or committee meeting of the state or statewide retirement systems. Proposed law removes language specifying that this authority of the chairmen is exercised in their capacity as ex officio members of the state and statewide retirement system boards.

Present law provides for elected, appointed, and ex officio members of the boards of trustees of the state and statewide retirement systems. Proposed law prohibits any person who has been found in violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics for actions involving the misuse of public funds from being eligible to serve as trustee on any state or statewide retirement system board of trustees.