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Abstract: Provides for reemployment of retired members of the District Attorneys' Retirement System (DARS). Provides for membership on the system's board of trustees and their per diem.

Retirement Benefits

Present law provides that the retirement benefit of a retired member of DARS who is reemployed by a district attorney is suspended during employment. Provides that he becomes an active contributing member of the system and accrues a supplemental retirement benefit.

Present law provides an exception from the required suspension of benefits for a district attorney or assistant district attorney who is reemployed by a district attorney, who receives a salary less than that provided by present law, and who retired in accordance with one of the following:

(1) He attained the age of 55 with 24 years of service credit.

(2) He completed 30 years service credit.

Proposed law modifies this exception as follows:

(1) Makes it applicable to any retired member of the system.

(2) Requires passage of at least 60 days since the date of retirement.

(3) Makes the present law income limit applicable to those who are at least the age set by present federal law for a working retirement (currently 59 and ½). For persons younger than that age, provides that the maximum income to qualify for the exemption is one-half of his final annual salary at the time of his retirement or the annual salary provided for by present law, whichever is less.

Board of Trustees

Present law provides for nine members to serve on the DARS board of trustees.

Proposed law increases membership to 10 board members.
Present law provides that either a retired district attorney or assistant district attorney is elected by system retirees to serve on the board.

Proposed law provides both a retired district attorney and assistant district attorney are elected to serve on the board.

**Per Diem**

Present law provides for per diem for board members of $50 per day.

Proposed law increases per diem to $75 per day.

(Amends R.S. 11:1631(F)(2) and 1651(B)(intro. para.) and (3) and (D))