Abstract: Modifies the requirements for sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who retire and become eligible for payment of group insurance premium costs from the Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office.

Present law provides that 100% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and medical expense insurance shall be paid from the sheriff's general fund for any sheriff or deputy sheriff who has retired from the Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office and who is eligible to receive benefits from the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the premium cost of life insurance.

Present law provides that any sheriff or deputy sheriff who retires on or after Dec. 31, 2012, and who is eligible to receive benefits from the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund, shall be paid the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and medical expense insurance from the sheriff's general fund.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the premium cost of life insurance.

Present law provides that a sheriff or deputy sheriff who is eligible to receive retirement benefits meets any one of the following conditions:

1. 100% if the sheriff or deputy sheriff has completed 30 years of full-time continuous service with the Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office, regardless of age.

2. 75% if the sheriff or deputy sheriff has attained the age of 55 years with at least 27 years of full-time service or has completed a majority of his creditable service time with the Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office.

3. 50% if the sheriff or deputy sheriff has attained the age of 55 years with at least 23 years of full-time service with the Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office.

Proposed law retains present law and provides for alternative retirement eligibility for a sheriff or deputy sheriff who retires with full-time creditable service and has completed a majority of his creditable service time with the Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office.

Proposed law provides that a sheriff or deputy sheriff's creditable days of full-time service shall be determined by the Louisiana Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund.
(Amends R.S. 13:5554(S)(1)(intro para) and (2))