

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law requires judges and court officers who take office on or after July 1, 1983, to become members of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) and grants the ability to obtain and transfer credits within the system. Judges and court officers who held office prior to July 1, 1983, continue to be governed by the retirement laws applicable at the time of their initial service.

Existing law does not apply to those whose first eligibility for membership in any state retirement system occurred on or after January 1, 2011. While these individuals remain members of LASERS, they are subject to the standard provisions applicable to regular system members.

New law provides that existing law restrictions regarding membership occurring on or after January 1, 2011, do not apply to retired judges serving on assignments.

New law provides for the definition of "membership in one of the state systems" and authorizes an irrevocable election to be made within 30 days of employment to be considered a regular member of the system.

Existing law allows a retired judge to be assigned to a court of record while continuing to receive his retirement pay, although that amount is deducted from his salary as an assigned judge. New law authorizes the supreme court to determine the applicable compensation provisions to apply to a retired judge assigned under statute or the court's inherent constitutional authority.

New law provides for the supreme court to set the compensation payable to an assigned retired judge.

Effective May 15, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 11:1384(A); adds R.S. 11:551(C), (D), and (E) and 566(C))