

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 8

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

ASSESSORS: Requires the Evangeline Parish Tax Assessor to pay the cost of certain insurance premiums for eligible retirees from the assessor's office

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1923(D)(1)(a), relative to the Evangeline Parish tax assessor;
3 to provide for the payment of certain insurance premiums for retirees; to provide for
4 effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
6 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
7 Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 47:1923(D)(1)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
10 follows:

11 §1923. Authority for assessors separately or jointly to contract for insurance;
12 payment of premiums

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14 D.(1)(a) In the parishes of Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles,
15 Beauregard, Bienville, Caddo, Calcasieu, Caldwell, Cameron, Catahoula, Claiborne,
16 Concordia, DeSoto, East Baton Rouge, Evangeline, Franklin, Iberia, Iberville,
17 Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lafourche, LaSalle, Lincoln, Livingston, Madison,
18 Morehouse, Natchitoches, Orleans, Ouachita, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, Rapides,
19 Red River, Sabine, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. John the Baptist, St.
20 Landry, St. Martin, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Terrebonne, Union, Vermilion, Vernon,

1 Washington, Webster, West Baton Rouge, West Carroll, and West Feliciana, the
 2 assessor shall pay the premium cost of group life, dental, group health, hospital,
 3 surgical, or other medical insurance for any assessor or assessor's employee who
 4 meets the requirements of Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph. A uniform policy
 5 with respect to the payment of such premium shall be formulated and applied by the
 6 assessor of each parish listed in this Subparagraph.

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8 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 9 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 10 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 11 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 12 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the tax assessor of Evangeline Parish to pay the cost of certain insurance premiums for eligible retirees of the assessor's office.

Present law provides with respect to eligibility for normal retirement benefits from the Assessors' Retirement Fund (R.S. 11:1421). Provides that a member of the fund hired on or before Sept. 30, 2013, may be eligible for the benefits of the fund if the member has at least 12 years of service and is at least 55 years of age or has at least 30 years of service at any age.

Present law further provides that a member hired on or after Oct. 1, 2013, may be eligible for the benefits of the fund upon written application if the member has at least 12 years of service and is at least 60 years of age or has least 30 years of service and is at least 55 years of age.

Present law requires the assessor to pay certain insurance premium costs for eligible retirees in the parishes of: Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bienville, Caddo, Calcasieu, Caldwell, Cameron, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, DeSoto, East Baton Rouge, Franklin, Iberia, Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lafourche, LaSalle, Lincoln, Livingston, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Orleans, Ouachita, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Red River, Sabine, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Terrebonne, Union, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, Webster, West Baton Rouge, West Carroll, and West Feliciana. Further provides that either of the following requirements must be met to be eligible:

- (1) The person is elected, appointed, or hired before Aug. 1, 2014, retires in accordance with normal retirement eligibility under present law (R.S. 11:1421), and has at least 20 years of service.
- (2) The person is elected, appointed, or hired on or after Aug. 1, 2014, retires in accordance with normal retirement eligibility under present law (R.S. 11:1421), has at least 20 years of service, and at least 12 years of service credit was earned at the assessor's office from which the person retires.

Proposed law adds Evangeline Parish to the list of parishes in which the assessor is required to pay certain insurance premium costs for eligible retirees.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 47:1923(D)(1)(a))