

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 44

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

RETIREMENT/FIREFIGHTERS: Provides relative to the board of trustees of the  
Firefighters' Retirement System

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2260(A)(2)(e), relative to the Firefighters' Retirement  
3 System; to provide for membership on the system's board of trustees; and to provide  
4 for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
6 as provided by Article X, Section 29(C) of the Constitution  
7 of Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 11:2260(A)(2)(e) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
10 follows:

11 §2260. Administration

12 A. Board of trustees:

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14 (2)

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16 (e) A retiree of the system, who shall be elected by a majority vote of ~~the~~  
17 ~~members of the board from at least three nominees submitted by~~ the retired members  
18 ~~and beneficiaries~~ of the system, ~~for a term of five years, commencing on January 1,~~  
19 ~~1989.~~

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

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DIGEST

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HB 44 Reengrossed

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Horton

**Abstract:** Provides for membership on the board of trustees of the Firefighters' Retirement System (FRS).

Present law provides that FRS is governed by a board of trustees comprised of 10 members.

Present law provides that one trustee is a system retiree selected by the board from nominations submitted by system retirees.

Proposed law provides that the retiree is elected by the retired members and beneficiaries of the system.

Proposed law retains present law regarding the remaining members:

- (1) Two trustees are members of the Professional Fire Fighters Assoc. selected by the association's officers.
- (2) Two mayors appointed by the La. Municipal Assoc.
- (3) A member of the House Committee on Retirement appointed by the speaker, or the member's designee and the chairman of the Senate Committee on Retirement, or his designee.
- (4) The state treasurer or his designee.
- (5) The commissioner of administration or his designee.
- (6) One fire chief elected by the fire chiefs.

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

(Amends R.S. 11:2260(A)(2)(e))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Retirement to the original bill:

1. Remove proposed law that provides for:

- (a) Five retired firefighters elected to the board from geographic districts.
- (b) An active firefighter elected to the board by active members.
- (c) A surviving spouse elected to the board by the retirees and spouses of deceased members.
- (d) Removal of current members of the board.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove proposed law increase in the number of retirees on the board of trustees.
2. Remove proposed law changes to the number and method of selection of fire chiefs on the board of trustees.