

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 13

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

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)(introductory paragraph), (b), and (c) and (6),  
3 relative to the Firefighters' Retirement System; to provide for membership on the  
4 board of trustees; and to provide 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)(introductory paragraph), (b), and (c) and (6) are  
10 hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

11 §2260. Administration

12 A. Board of trustees:

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14 (2) The board shall consist of ~~eleven~~ thirteen trustees as follows:

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16 (b) ~~Two~~ Three members of the Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association who are  
17 members of the system and who shall be elected by a majority of the officers of the  
18 association for five-year terms.

1 (c) ~~Two~~ Three mayors appointed by the Louisiana Municipal Association  
2 from municipalities having fire departments participating in the system, to serve at  
3 the pleasure of the Louisiana Municipal Association.

4 \* \* \*

5 (6) Each trustee shall be entitled to one vote on the board. An affirmative  
6 vote by at least ~~five~~ seven members of the board of trustees shall be necessary for a  
7 decision by the trustees at any meeting of the board. The phrase "affirmative vote"  
8 shall mean that the vote shall be cast in favor of approving any motion.

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10 Section 2. This Act does not affect the term of the members of the Firefighters'  
11 Retirement System board of trustees who are serving pursuant to R.S. 11:2260(A)(2)(b) on  
12 the effective date of this Act. The additional trustee position provided for in R.S.  
13 11:2260(A)(2)(b) as amended by this Act shall be filled initially in December 2024 for a  
14 term that begins on January 1, 2025.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Adds members to the Firefighters' Retirement System (FRS) board of trustees.

Present law provides for 11 trustees on the FRS board of trustees.

Proposed law increases board membership to 13.

Present law provides that the membership on the FRS board of trustees includes the following:

- (1) Two members of the Professional Fire Fighters Assoc. elected by the officers of the association.
- (2) A member of the House Committee on Retirement appointed by the speaker.
- (3) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Retirement or his designee.
- (4) A retiree of the system elected by the retired members and beneficiaries.
- (5) The state treasurer or his designee.
- (6) The commissioner of administration or his designee.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the board includes two fire chiefs who are members of the La. Fire Chiefs Assoc. and selected by the officers of the association.

Proposed law adds an additional fire chief selected by association officers to the FRS board.

Present law provides that the board includes two mayors appointed by the La. Municipal Assoc. (LMA).

Proposed law increases the number of mayors appointed by the LMA to three.

(Amends R.S. 11:2260(A)(2)(intro. para.), (b), and (c) and (6))