

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 46 (HB 48)

2026 Regular Session

Bacala

Existing law provides that each sheriff, including criminal and civil sheriffs, are members of the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund (SPRF).

Existing law provides that the following become members of the retirement system if they are 18 or older and their salary is more than a specified amount as provided in existing law:

- (1) Each deputy, including the criminal and civil deputies of the parish of Orleans.
- (2) The criers of the several divisions of the Civil District Courts for the parish of Orleans.

New law adds criers of the La. Supreme Court as members of the SPRF.

New law provides that each agency that employs a person who is a member of the fund is subject to existing law requirements, terms, and conditions that apply to any sheriff in his capacity as an employer participating in the fund.

Existing law requires employee and employer contributions to be remitted to the retirement system in accordance with existing law for the funding of retirement benefits from a sheriff's general fund. Provides that if a sheriff fails to remit the employer contribution to the retirement system, the treasurer of the board of trustees is required to notify the legislative auditor who shall order the depository to withhold the payment of checks to the sheriff's general fund.

New law requires any other employer of a member to provide contributions from an appropriate funding source.

New law allows a crier of the La. Supreme Court who may be a member of a different retirement system the ability to elect to become a member of the SPRF by Sep. 30, 2026.

Existing law provides that any crier of the La. Supreme Court who retired under the provisions of existing law shall draw his retirement pay for the remainder of his life from the same source from which he has been compensated at the time he retired.

New law prohibits a person who receives a benefit from the SPRF from receiving a benefit pursuant to existing law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 11:2174(B)(1)(b)(intro. para.) and (3)(a); Adds R.S. 11:2173.1, 2174(B)(6), and 2178(O))