

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

House Bill No. 17 by Representative Hutter

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by the House

**Abstract:** Waives the first two months' interest on delinquent contributions due for August or September 2005 to the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, or any statewide public retirement system.

Present law provides that all payments of employers' contributions and employees' contributions to specified retirement systems, including any payments due from the state of Louisiana, which are paid after becoming delinquent, shall include interest to be paid to the retirement system at the rate of legal interest computed from the date the payment became delinquent.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law applies to the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, the Assessors' Retirement Fund, the Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund, the District Attorneys' Retirement System, the Firefighters' Retirement System, the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System, the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, the Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System, and the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that for any system to which present law applies and that suffered damage as a consequence of Hurricane Katrina or Rita, or both, no interest shall be assessed or payable on contributions which were due for August or September 2005, for the first two months of delinquency.

Provides that the provisions of the Act are remedial, curative, and procedural and are to be applied retroactively as well as prospectively.

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

(Amends R.S. 11:281(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by the SenateSenate Committee Amendments to the Reengrossed Bill

1. Clarifies that provisions for waiver of interest on delinquent retirement contributions are applicable to employers who are unable to make the contributions on a timely basis by reason of Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita.

Senate Floor Amendments to the Reengrossed Bill

1. Adds provisions relative to early retirement for certain members of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) furloughed, terminated, or placed on leave without pay as a result of budget reductions required by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and provisions for filling of vacancies resulting from such retirements.

Digest of Bill as Proposed by Conference Committee

Same as bill as finally passed by the House of Representatives, except clarifies that provisions for waiver of interest on delinquent retirement contributions are applicable to employers who are unable to make the contributions on a timely basis by reason of Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita.