
DIGEST

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Pearson

HB No. 52

Abstract: Removes certain provisions of law relative to the Firefighters' Pension and Relief Fund in the city of New Orleans; authorizes the governing authority of Orleans Parish to provide relative to the fund and to establish a firefighters' retirement system in the city of New Orleans and to promulgate rules and regulations relative to such system.

Present law creates a pension and relief fund for firefighters in the city of New Orleans. Requires the city to pay into the fund annually 1% of the revenues derived from certain licenses issued by the city and an annual appropriation in the budget of the city of a sum equal to not less than 5% of the money annually appropriated by the city for the operation and maintenance of the fire department of the city.

Present law defines the word "firefighter" for purposes of provisions of law relative to the fund as any individual employed by the fire department of the city of New Orleans who is actively engaged in the extinguishing of fires.

Present law provides that any uniformed member of the fire suppression division of the fire department of the city of New Orleans, who occupied the position of firefighter in the classified civil service of the city of New Orleans for at least 10 years, and who, because of physical disability, selects to transfer from the fire suppression division to the fire administration division of the fire department of the city of New Orleans, may continue to participate in the pension and relief fund for firefighters in the city of New Orleans, unless the board determines that such continued employment is detrimental to the health and safety of other employees.

Proposed law removes present law.

Proposed law authorizes the governing authority of Orleans Parish to establish a firefighters' retirement system in the city of New Orleans and to promulgate rules and regulations relative to such system. Upon creation of such a system, proposed law requires the governing authority to assign, transfer, and deliver all assets, property, and obligations belonging to the Firefighters' Pension and Relief Fund in the city of New Orleans to the system created under the authority granted by proposed law.

Provisions of proposed law authorizing the governing authority of the parish to establish a retirement system becomes effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action. Provisions of proposed law removing present law are effective on the first day following the adoption of an ordinance by the governing authority of the parish of Orleans

establishing a firefighters' retirement system in the city of New Orleans.

(Amends R.S. 11:3361)