

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 87

BY REPRESENTATIVE DANAHAAY

RETIREMENT/MUNICIPAL EMP: Provides for shared employment between the Vinton Public Power Authority and another employer in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System and provides guidelines and restrictions relative to creditable service for such employment

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1732(13) and (14) and to enact R.S. 11:1751(F), relative to  
3 the Municipal Employees' Retirement System; to provide relative to definitions for  
4 the system; to provide relative to contemporaneous employment by more than one  
5 participating employer; to provide relative to creditable service for such  
6 employment; and to provide for related matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
8 as provided by Article III, Section 13 and Article X, Section  
9 29(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 11:1732(13) and (14) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
12 11:1751(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §1732. Definitions

14 The following words and phrases, as used in this Chapter, unless a different  
15 meaning is plainly required by the context, shall have the following meaning:

16 \* \* \*

17 (13)(a) "Employee" means a person including an elected official, actively  
18 employed by a participating employer on a permanent, regularly scheduled basis of  
19 at least an average of thirty-five hours per week.



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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Authorizes a person who is employed by the Vinton Public Power Authority and another participating employer in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) to qualify as a member of the system based on all employment with such employers, subject to certain restrictions.

Present law and proposed law provide that the Vinton Public Power Authority is eligible to be a participating employer in MERS.

Present law provides that to qualify for membership in MERS, an "employee" must be employed by a participating employer for at least 35 hours per week. Proposed law provides an exception for persons employed by the Vinton Public Power Authority and another participating employer in MERS. Such persons qualify for membership in MERS based on the cumulative hours worked for all participating employers.

Proposed law provides that persons who qualify for membership based on employment with the Vinton Public Power Authority and another participating employer shall contribute to the system on all earnings from covered employment. Further prohibits such a member from accruing more creditable service for such employment than he would otherwise accrue if all service had been rendered to a single participating employer.

Effective July 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 11:1732(13) and (14); Adds R.S. 11:1751(F))