

**ACT No. 186**

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 586

BY REPRESENTATIVE THIBAUT

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1923(D), relative to assessors; to provide relative to the  
3 payment of certain group insurance premiums for retirees of certain assessors'  
4 offices; to establish retiree eligibility criteria; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
6 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
7 Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 47:1923(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §1923. Authority for assessors separately or jointly to contract for insurance;  
11 payment of premiums

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13 D.(1)(a) In the parishes of Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles,  
14 Beauregard, Bienville, Calcasieu, Caldwell, Cameron, Catahoula, Claiborne,  
15 Concordia, DeSoto, East Baton Rouge, Franklin, Iberia, Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson,  
16 Lafayette, Lafourche, LaSalle, Lincoln, Livingston, Madison, Morehouse,  
17 Natchitoches, Orleans, Ouachita, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Red River,  
18 Sabine, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St.  
19 Martin, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Terrebonne, Union, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington,  
20 Webster, West Baton Rouge, West Carroll, and West Feliciana, the assessor shall  
21 pay the premium cost of group life, dental, group health, hospital, surgical, or other  
22 medical insurance for any assessor or assessor's employee who ~~retires with at least~~  
23 ~~twenty years of service who is at least fifty-five years of age or who retires with at~~  
24 ~~least thirty years of service at any age~~ meets the requirements of Subparagraph (b)

1           of this Paragraph. A uniform policy with respect to the payment of such premium  
 2           shall be formulated and applied by the assessor of each parish listed in this  
 3           ~~Subsection~~ Subparagraph.

4                     (b) Either of the following requirements shall be met for eligibility for the  
 5                     assessor's payment of premium costs as provided in Subparagraph (a) of this  
 6                     Paragraph:

7                             (i) The assessor or assessor's employee was elected, appointed, or hired  
 8                             before August 1, 2014, and retires in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 11:1421  
 9                             with at least twenty years of service.

10                            (ii) The assessor or assessor's employee was elected, appointed, or hired on  
 11                            or after August 1, 2014, and retires in accordance with the provisions of R.S.  
 12                            11:1421 with at least twenty years of service. At least twelve years of service shall  
 13                            have been earned at the assessor's office from which the person retires. For purposes  
 14                            of this Item, the twelve years of service required for eligibility for receipt of benefits  
 15                            provided for in this Paragraph shall not include any service that was earned  
 16                            elsewhere and transferred for credit with the assessor's office from which the person  
 17                            retires.

18                            (2)(a) In Acadia Parish, the assessor shall pay the premium cost of group life,  
 19                            dental, group health, hospital, surgical, or other medical insurance for any assessor  
 20                            or assessor's employee who ~~retires with at least twenty-five years of service who is~~  
 21                            ~~at least fifty-five years of age or who retires with at least thirty years of service at~~  
 22                            ~~any age~~ meets the requirements of Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph. A uniform  
 23                            policy with respect to the payment of the cost of such premium shall be formulated  
 24                            and applied by the assessor of Acadia Parish.

25                            (b) Either of the following requirements shall be met for eligibility for the  
 26                            assessor's payment of premium costs as provided in Subparagraph (a) of this  
 27                            Paragraph:

28                            (i) The assessor or assessor's employee was elected, appointed, or hired  
 29                            before August 1, 2014, and retires in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 11:1421  
 30                            with at least twenty-five years of service.

1            (ii) The assessor or assessor's employee was elected, appointed, or hired on  
 2            or after August 1, 2014, and retires in accordance with the provisions of R.S.  
 3            11:1421 with at least twenty years of service. At least twelve years of service shall  
 4            have been earned at the Acadia Parish assessor's office. For purposes of this Item,  
 5            the twelve years of service required for eligibility for receipt of benefits provided for  
 6            in this Paragraph shall not include any service that was earned elsewhere and  
 7            transferred for credit with the Acadia Parish assessor's office.

8            (3)(a) In the parishes of East Carroll and Richland, the assessor shall pay the  
 9            premium cost of group life, dental, group health, hospital, surgical, or other medical  
 10           insurance for any assessor or assessor's employee who meets the requirements of  
 11           Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph. A uniform policy with respect to the payment  
 12           of the cost of such premium shall be formulated and applied by the assessor of each  
 13           parish listed in this Subparagraph.

14           (b) The requirements of this Subparagraph shall be met for eligibility for the  
 15           assessor's payment of premium costs as provided in Subparagraph (a) of this  
 16           Paragraph. The assessor or assessor's employee was elected, appointed, or hired on  
 17           or after August 1, 2014, and retires in accordance with the provisions of R.S.  
 18           11:1421 with at least twenty years of service. At least twelve years of service shall  
 19           have been earned at the assessor's office from which the person retires. For purposes  
 20           of this Item, the twelve years of service required for eligibility for receipt of benefits  
 21           provided for in this Paragraph shall not include any service that was earned  
 22           elsewhere and transferred for credit with the assessor's office from which the person  
 23           retires.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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