

2015 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 23

BY SENATOR WARD

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SHERIFFS. Provides relative to payment of group insurance premiums for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs of the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office. (8/1/15)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5554(G)(3)(b), relative to the payment of group insurance premium costs; to provide for eligibility for payment of such costs for retired sheriffs and retired deputy sheriffs of the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:5554(G)(3)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§5554. Group insurance; kinds; amounts; subrogation

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(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, in the parish of West Baton Rouge, one hundred percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense and insurance and the first ten thousand dollars of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of this Section shall be paid in full from the sheriff's general fund for any sheriff and full-time deputy sheriff who

1 has retired from the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office and who is entitled to  
2 receive monthly benefits from the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund and who has  
3 either of the following:

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5 (b) At least thirty years ~~of full-time service with the West Baton Rouge~~  
6 ~~Parish Sheriff's Office~~ **or more of service credit with the Sheriff's Pension and**  
7 **Relief Fund**, regardless of age.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cathy Wells.

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DIGEST

SB 23 Engrossed

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Present law provides for payment of premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, vision and dental insurance, and life insurance by the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office for sheriffs and employees who retire from the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office.

Proposed law retains present law payment provisions providing that 100% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, vision and dental insurance, and life insurance will be paid by the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office for all sheriffs and employees who were hired prior to June 30, 2008, and retire with 12 years of service with the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office and who are at least 55 years of age.

Proposed law changes the payment provisions from 30 years or more of service with the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office to 30 years or more of service credit with the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund, regardless of age for 100% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, vision and dental insurance, and life insurance be paid by the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office.

Effective August 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 13:5554(G)(3)(b))