
DIGEST

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HB 57 Engrossed

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Leger

Abstract: Provides relative to the payment of employee contributions in the Fire Fighters' Pension and Relief Fund in the city of New Orleans (NOFF).

Present law establishes NOFF and provides for the assessment of contributions from employees in order to partially fund the benefits provided by the fund. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires an employee contribution of at least 10% of the employee's salary. Proposed law provides instead that the contribution is based on the employee's compensation allowed as salary. Prohibits claims against the city, the fire department, or the fund for such deductions once the member receives a distribution of any kind from the fund.

Present law requires the employee contribution assessments to be made on a monthly basis. Proposed law requires such assessments to be made each pay period.

Proposed law further establishes an "employer pick-up" plan within NOFF pursuant to Internal Revenue Code provisions. Such plan authorizes an employer to deduct employee contributions from the member's pay and remit them directly to the system. Further provides that the sums deducted by the employer for employee contribution purposes are to be counted as part of the employee's compensation allowed as salary for the purposes of determining benefits and present law minimum compensation requirements.

Proposed law requires the city of New Orleans to remit collected employee contributions to the system at least once per month.

Proposed law requires the board of trustees of the fund to adopt procedures for the collection, remittal, and reporting of contributions pursuant to present and proposed law.

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

(Amends R.S. 11:3363(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Retirement to the original bill:

1. Provide that deductions and contributions are based on the member's compensation

allowed as salary rather than on all compensation.

2. Change reference from the fire department to the city of New Orleans, as the employer which is responsible for collecting employee contributions.