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 DIGEST

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SB 52 Engrossed

2017 Regular Session

Long

Present law provides that the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance, and the first \$10,000 of life insurance shall be paid in full from the sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs retired with at least 15 years of service who are at least 55 years of age or retired with at least 30 years of service at any age.

Proposed law provides that present law applies to persons hired before August 1, 2017.

Proposed law provides that premium costs of group insurance for any retired sheriff or retired deputy sheriff who meets the regular eligibility requirements of the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund shall be paid from the sheriff's general fund, as follows:

- (1) 100% for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs with 25 years of service.
- (2) 75% for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs with 20 years of service.
- (3) 50% for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs with 15 years of service.

Proposed law further provides that the percentages of premiums shall be paid only if all service is creditable service with the sheriff's office of Natchitoches Parish.

Proposed law applies to persons hired by the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office on or after August 1, 2017, and who subsequently retire from the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office.

(Adds R.S. 13:5554(FF))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Adds requirement that retirees meet the regular retirement eligibility requirements of the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund.

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the engrossed bill:

1. Retain present law for those persons hired prior to Aug. 1, 2017.
2. Make technical amendments.