

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 533

BY SENATOR MILKOVICH

FIREFIGHTERS RETIREMENT. Provides for a five-year DROP period. (6/30/18)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2257(C), relative to the Firefighters' Retirement System; to
3 provide relative to the Deferred Retirement Option Plan; to provide an effective date;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 11:2257(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §2257. Deferred Retirement Option Plan

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10 C. The duration of participation in the plan shall be specified and shall not
11 exceed ~~three years~~. **the following:**

12 **(1) Three years for any member who has less than twenty-seven years of**
13 **creditable service.**

14 **(2) Five years for any member who has at least twenty-seven years of**
15 **creditable service.**

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17 Section 2. Any person who has at least twenty-seven years of creditable service and

1 who is participating in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan on the effective date of this Act
2 shall be allowed to extend his participation in the plan up to the five-year period provided
3 for in this Act.

4 Section 3. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2018; if vetoed by the
5 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on
6 June 30, 2018, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Margaret M. Corley.

DIGEST

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Present law provides that, in lieu of terminating employment and accepting retirement benefits, any member of the Firefighters' Retirement System (FRS) who has at least 20 years of creditable service and who is eligible to receive retirement benefits may elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) and defer the receipt of benefits.

Present law provides that, upon commencement of DROP participation, membership in FRS ceases and neither employee nor employer contributions are payable to FRS.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that a member's duration of participation in DROP may not exceed three years. Proposed law retains present law for members with less than 27 years of service. Proposed law further provides that for members with 27 or more years of service, the period of DROP participation may not exceed five years.

Proposed law authorizes any person who has 27 or more years of creditable service and who is participating in DROP on the effective date of proposed law to extend his period of participation up to the five years provided for in proposed law.

Effective June 30, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 11:2257(C))