

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 401

BY REPRESENTATIVE HAVARD

INSURANCE/GROUP-SHERIFFS: Provides relative to sheriffs' retiree health benefits

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:5554(G)(7), relative to sheriffs; to provide relative to retiree health
3 benefits; to provide for the payment of group insurance premiums for the sheriff and
4 sheriff deputies of East Feliciana Parish; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:5554(G)(7) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §5554. Group insurance; kinds; amounts; subrogation

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10 (7)(a) The provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, as applicable to the
11 sheriff's office of East Feliciana Parish, shall apply to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs
12 who were hired prior to July 1, 2018, who meet the eligibility requirements and have
13 the requisite creditable service pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

14 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, the
15 sheriff of East Feliciana Parish shall pay out of the sheriff's general fund the
16 premium cost of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance and
17 the first ten thousand dollars of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of
18 this Section shall be paid for any retired sheriff and sheriff deputy who is hired on
19 or after July 1, 2018, as follows:

contract with any insurance company authorized to do business in this state for group life and accidental death and dismemberment, group health, accident, dental, hospital, surgical, or other medical expense and group disability insurance.

Present law requires the sheriff of certain parishes, including East Feliciana, to pay these premiums in full for their retirees.

Proposed law retains present law for those retirees hired prior to July 1, 2018, and requires the East Feliciana Parish Sheriff to pay the insurance premiums for retired sheriff and sheriff deputies hired on or after July 1, 2018, depending on their years of service:

- (1) Retirees with 15 years of service who have reached 55 years of age shall have 50% of their insurance premiums paid.
- (2) Retirees with 20 years of service who have reached 55 years of age shall have 75% of their insurance premiums paid.
- (3) Retirees with 25 years of service who have reached 55 years of age shall have 100% of their insurance premiums paid.
- (4) Retirees with 30 years of service at any age shall have 100% of their insurance premiums paid.

(Adds R.S. 13:5554(G)(7))