

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Ward

Prior law required the sheriff of each parish to pay insurance premiums for certain coverage on the sheriff and sheriff deputies and permits similar coverage for dependents of the sheriff and dependents of sheriff deputies. Authorized the sheriff to contract with any insurance company authorized to do business in Louisiana to provide group life and accidental death and dismemberment, group health, accident, dental, hospital, surgical, or other medical expense and group disability insurance on the sheriff's office employees and their dependents; also allowed a sheriff to secure such coverage through the Sheriff's Association Self-Insurance Plan.

Prior law required that any policy or self-insurance plan providing group hospital, surgical, medical expense or life insurance contracted for shall contain a provision authorizing any covered employee retiring under his sheriff's department retirement plan to elect to continue the coverage upon retirement. Further provided that the premium cost of coverage may be paid in full or in part from the sheriff's general funds or by the retired employee, and that a uniform policy with respect to the payment of such premiums shall be formulated and applied by each sheriff.

Prior law authorized the sheriff of certain parishes, including Pointe Coupee, pay in full from the sheriff's general fund the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance and the first \$10,000 of life insurance contracted for under prior law for any sheriff or deputy sheriff of their respective office who retires with:

- (1) At least 15 years of service and is at least 55 years of age; or
- (2) At least 30 years of service.

New law retains prior law for the sheriffs and deputy sheriffs of the Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff's Office that were hired before July 1, 2019.

New law provides that, in the parish of Pointe Coupee, for sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who were hired on or after July 1, 2019, requires the sheriff to pay in full from the sheriff's general fund the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance and the first \$10,000 of life insurance contracted for under prior law for any sheriff or full-time deputy sheriff who retires directly from active service with the Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff's Office and who:

- (1) Is entitled to receive benefits from the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund; and
- (2) Has at least 15 years of full-time service with the Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff's Office; and
- (3) Is at least 55 years of age.

Effective July 1, 2019.

(Adds R.S. 13:5554(G)(9))