

PUBLIC NOTICE

(NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE RETIREMENT BILLS – HLS 20RS-116, 20RS-117, 20RS-118)

Public notice is hereby given, as provided by Section 29(C), Article X of the Constitution of Louisiana, that there will be introduced at the forthcoming session of the Legislature of Louisiana, to be convened on March 9, 2020, a bill or bills relative to the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (MPERS); to permit the board of trustees to make, alter, amend, and promulgate any rules necessary for administration of the system; to require employer contributions during employees' participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP); to provide for the DROP participation period; to provide relative to the contributions to be paid by employees receiving workers compensation and the service credit to be received by such employees; to provide relative to the payments to be made following the dissolution of a police department by a participating employer; to provide relative to delinquent contributions; to provide relative to employee contributions to be made when a member has earned benefits equal to one hundred percent of his average final compensation; to provide for the reporting of overtime by employers for information purposes only; to eliminate the age restriction for membership in the system; to provide relative to the cessation of membership in the system; to clarify that an elected police chief must be a full-time employee in order to be an active member of the system; to provide that employees of certain municipalities must be enrolled as members before they are allowed to execute and file an affidavit opting out of MPERS or Firefighters' Retirement System membership; to provide relative to the vesting period for non-line-of-duty disability benefits; to define full-time employment; to limit the amount that part-time retirees can earn from employment with an employer and require contributions during such employment; to clarify the age before which those receiving survivor benefits must have their benefits discontinued upon remarriage; to require certain surviving spouses to certify their marital status; to provide relative to survivor benefits for members killed in the line of duty; to provide relative to the overpayment of benefits; to permit a special needs trust to be an optional or survivor beneficiary for a disabled child; to provide that the cost of medically examining any disability retiree who has not yet attained the equivalent age of regular retirement shall be paid by the system; to provide with regard to the time period for filing a claim for a death or disability benefit; to provide relative to spousal consent for beneficiary designation; to provide with regard to subplan members' eligibility for retirement; to establish a funding deposit account to be used to pay permanent benefit increases and provide a source of funding therefor; to provide with regard to the timing and amount of permanent benefit increases; to limit the source of payment for permanent benefit increases; and to provide for related matters.