## **SLS 20RS-23**

## **ORIGINAL**

2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 10

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

STATE EMPLOYEE RET. Provides for disability retirement. (2/3 - CA10s29(F)) (6/30/20)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 11:212(A), relative to disability benefits at the Louisiana State
3	Employees' Retirement System; to provide for eligibility; to provide for an effective
4	date; 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. 11:212(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
8	§212. Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System
9	A. (1) A member who becomes disabled, <del>and who is not eligible for regular</del>
10	retirement, and who files for disability benefits while in service, and who upon
11	medical examination and certification, as provided for elsewhere in this Subpart, is
12	found to be totally disabled for any cause, shall be entitled to disability benefits
13	under the provisions of R.S. 11:461(B), provided the member has at least ten years
14	of creditable service, and provided that the disability was incurred while the member
15	was an active contributing member in active state service.
16	(2) Any member who was ineligible to apply for disability under the
17	provisions of this Subsection on or after January 1, 2013, and on or before

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1	June 30, 2020, shall be eligible to apply for disability benefits under the
2	provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. Any disability benefits granted
3	pursuant to this Paragraph shall be paid prospectively only.
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5	Section 2. The cost of this Act, if any, shall be funded with additional employer
6	contributions in compliance with Article X, Section 29(F) of the Constitution of Louisiana.
7	Section 3. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2020; if vetoed by the
8	governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on
9	June 30, 2020, 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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<u>Present law</u> provides for eligibility for disability benefits for members of the La. State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) who are not eligible for regular retirement.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a member must be found through a medical examination and certification totally disabled, that the member must have 10 years of service credit, and that the disability must have been incurred while the member was an active contributing member in active state service to be entitled to disability benefits.

Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 11:441) provides for various eligibility requirements for regular retirement, including 20 years of service credit at any age with an actuarial reduction.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for eligibility for disability for members of LASERS regardless of eligibility for regular retirement.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that any member who was ineligible to apply for disability under <u>present law</u> on or after January 1, 2013, and on or before June 30, 2020, shall be eligible to apply for disability benefits under <u>proposed law</u>. Further provides that any disability benefits granted under <u>proposed law</u> shall be paid prospectively only.

Effective June 30, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 11:212(A))