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2021 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 52

BY SENATOR POPE

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SHERIFFS. Provides for payment of certain group insurance costs by sheriffs. (8/1/21)

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 13:5554(FF), relative to group
3	insurance available through sheriff's departments; to provide for payment of certain
4	costs associated with group and self-insurance plans; and to provide for related
5	matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 13:5554(FF) is hereby amended and
8	reenacted to read as follows:
9	§5554. Group insurance; kinds; amounts; subrogation
10	* * *
11	FF. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, the
12	sheriff of Livingston Parish shall pay out of the sheriff's general fund the premium
13	costs of group insurance or the premium costs, administrative costs, or benefit
14	payments of any self-insured plan for any retired sheriff and any retired deputy
15	sheriff who retires from the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office as follows:
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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

DIGEST

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<u>Present law</u> authorizes the sheriff of Livingston Parish to pay out of the sheriff's general fund the premium costs of group insurance for any retired sheriff and any retired deputy sheriff who retires from the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office as follows:

- (1) For any sheriff or deputy sheriff hired before July 1, 2017, the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expenses, and dental insurance and the first \$10,000 of life insurance shall be paid in full for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who retire with at least 15 years of service who are at least 55 years old or 30 years of service at any age.
- (2) For any sheriff or deputy sheriff hired on and after July 1, 2017, the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance and the first \$10,000 of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of this Section shall be paid in full from the sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who are at least 55 years of age and who retire with at least 20 years of continuous and creditable service with the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office, or who are any age and who retire with at least 30 years of continuous and creditable service with the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and allows the option for a self-insurance plan in which case the sheriff's office will pay the premium costs, administrative costs, or benefit payments on qualified retirees.

Effective August 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 13:5554(FF)(intro para))