

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 88

BY SENATOR FRED MILLS

SHERIFFS. Provides relative to insurance benefits for retirees of the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office. (7/1/22)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5554(G)(2) and (V), relative to the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's
3 Office group insurance; to provide for payments of life and health insurance
4 premium costs for retirees; to provide for eligibility requirements; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:5554(G)(2) and (V) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
8 as follows:

9 §5554. Group insurance; kinds; amounts; subrogation

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12 (2) The provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, as applicable to the
13 sheriff's office of St. Martin Parish, shall apply to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs hired
14 before July 1, 2009. The provisions of **Paragraph (1) of** Subsection V of this
15 Section shall apply to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs hired on ~~and~~ **or** after July 1, 2009,
16 **and before July 1, 2022. The provisions of Paragraph (2) of Subsection V of this**
17 **Section shall apply to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs hired or rehired on or after**

1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2022; if vetoed by the governor
2 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day
3 following such approval by the legislature or July 1, 2022, whichever is later.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

DIGEST

SB 88 Engrossed

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Present law requires the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance and the first \$10,000 of life insurance contracted for under present law be paid in full from the St. Martin Parish sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs retired with at least 15 years of service who are at least 55 years of age or retired with at least 30 years of service at any age before July 1, 2009.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the sheriff of St. Martin Parish to pay out of the sheriff's general fund 50% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and the first \$10,000 of life insurance contracted for under present law, if the sheriff or deputy sheriff retired from the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office with 20 years of creditable service with the Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund, on or after July 1, 2009.

Proposed law retains present law, but limits the applicable time period from after July 1, 2009, to on or after July 1, 2009, and before July 1, 2022.

Proposed law requires the St. Martin Parish sheriff 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 retired from the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office as follows:

- (1) 50% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and medical expense insurance, and \$10,000 of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of present law if the sheriff and deputy sheriff retired in good standing with 30 continuous years or more of creditable full-time service with the sheriff's office of St. Martin Parish and is at least 55 years of age.
- (2) 50% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and medical expense insurance, and \$10,000 of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of present law if the sheriff and deputy sheriff retired in good standing with 20 continuous years of creditable full-time service with the sheriff's office of St. Martin Parish and is at least 65 years of age.

Proposed law limits applicability to persons hired or rehired by the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office on or after July 1, 2022, and who subsequently retire from the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office.

Effective July 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 13:5554(G)(2) and (V))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Limits applicability to only sheriffs and deputy sheriffs.
3. Specifies that retirees that are at least 55 years old, retire with at least 30 years of continuous service at St. Martin parish sheriff's office in order to be eligible to receive certain benefits.
4. Specifies that retirees that are at least 65 years old, retire with at least 20 years of continuous service at St. Martin parish sheriff's office in order to be eligible to receive certain benefits.