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HOUSE BILL NO. 963 (Substitute for House Bill No. 14 by Representative DeWitt)

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT

RETIREMENT/MUNICIPAL POL: Provides relative to reemployment of retirees in the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2220(J)(1) and to repeal R.S. 11:2220(J)(4), relative to the
3 Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System; to provide relative to
4 reemployment of retirees in the system; to provide for the payment of retirement
5 benefits during reemployment; and to provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
7 as provided by Article X, Section 29(C) of the Constitution
8 of Louisiana.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 11:2220(J)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

11 §2220. Benefits; contribution limit

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13 J.(1)~~(a)~~ Except as provided in Paragraph (4) of this Subsection, the benefits
14 of any retiree of this system who retires on or after July 1, 2021, and becomes
15 employed by an employer but does not meet the definition of an employee within the
16 ~~twelve-month~~ ninety-day period immediately following the effective date of his
17 retirement shall be suspended for the duration of such employment or the lapse of
18 ~~twelve months~~ ninety days from the effective date of retirement, whichever occurs
19 first, even if such service is part-time, based on employment by contract, or in a
20 nonqualifying position.

1 ~~(b) Notwithstanding any provisions of this Subsection that authorize~~
2 ~~payment of retirement benefits to a retiree of this system who is reemployed under~~
3 ~~the conditions specified in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, no such reemployed~~
4 ~~retiree shall receive a retirement benefit during the sixty-day period following the~~
5 ~~effective date of his retirement.~~

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7 Section 2. R.S. 11:2220(J)(4) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the reemployment of retirees in the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (MPERS).

Present law provides relative to MPERS retirees who return to work covered by the system.

Present law, generally applicable to full-time reemployment, provides that if the retiree becomes an employee, payment of retirement benefits is suspended and the employee and employer contribute to the system toward creditable service. Upon termination of post-retirement employment, the retiree shall receive an additional retirement benefit based on his additional service.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law, generally applicable to other reemployment including contract and part-time employment, provides that the retirement benefit of a retiree who returns to work for an employer in the system is suspended during any such employment that occurs within 12 months of the person's retirement.

Proposed law reduces the period during which benefits are suspended to 90 days.

Present law provides that the period of suspension of benefits for the following is 60 days rather than 12 months for the following exceptions:

- (1) A police officer employed for not more than 50 hours per month.
- (2) An elected official other than a police chief.

Proposed law repeals present law making these employees subject to the 90-day suspension period provided by proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 11:2220(J)(1); Repeals R.S. 11:2220(J)(4))