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Abstract: Provides relative to the payment of insurance premium costs by the Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office.

<u>Present law</u> provides that 100% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and medical expense insurance shall be paid from the sheriff's general fund for any sheriff or deputy sheriff who has retired from the Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office prior to Dec. 31, 2012, and who is eligible to receive benefits from the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that any sheriff or deputy sheriff who has earned a majority of his creditable service time with the Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office, who retires from any sheriff's office of this state, the La. Sheriff's Association, or the La. Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund on or after Jan. 1, 2025, and who is eligible to receive benefits from the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund, the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and medical expense insurance and life insurance shall be paid from the sheriff's general fund as follows:

- (1) 100% if the sheriff or deputy sheriff has completed 30 years of full-time creditable service time with the Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office, regardless of age.
- (2) 75% if the sheriff or deputy sheriff has attained the age of 55 with at least 27 years of full-time creditable service time with the Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office.
- (3) 50% if the sheriff or deputy sheriff has attained the age of 55 with at least 23 years of full-time creditable service time with the Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that for purposes of both <u>present law</u> and <u>proposed law</u>, a sheriff or deputy sheriff's creditable days of full-time service shall be determined by the La. Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund.

(Amends R.S. 13:5554(S))