

# ACT No. 45

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 17

BY REPRESENTATIVES TARVER, ADAMS, BAGLEY, DICKERSON, MIKE  
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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2221(C), relative to the Municipal Police Employees'  
3 Retirement System; to provide for participation in the Deferred Retirement Option  
4 Plan; to provide for extension of duration for certain members; and to provide for  
5 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. 11:2221(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

11 §2221. Deferred Retirement Option Plan

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13 C.(1) The duration of participation in the plan shall be specified and shall not  
14 exceed five years. However, if employer contributions on behalf of a participant are  
15 suspended during the participation period as a result of interruption of employment,  
16 benefit payments into the participant's subaccount within the plan shall be suspended  
17 until payment of employer contributions is restored, and the member's participation  
18 period shall be extended by the number of months his benefit payments were  
19 suspended. In such a case, the participation period may exceed five calendar years  
20 but shall not exceed sixty nonconsecutive months of participation.

(2)(a) Notwithstanding Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, any person who began participation in the plan on or before June 30, 2024, who elected a participation period of three years, and who is participating in the plan on July 1, 2025, may elect to extend his participation in the plan for a total participation of not more than five years.

(b) The participant shall notify the board of trustees, in writing, of his election to extend his participation in the plan and shall specify his new participation duration on or before the earlier of the final participation date he specified when he originally elected to participate in the plan or August 1, 2025.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_