

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 18

BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG

RETIREMENT/DISTRICT ATTY: Provides relative to the board of trustees of the District Attorneys' Retirement System

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1651(C) and (D) and to enact R.S. 11:1651(E), relative to the  
3 District Attorneys' Retirement System; to provide relative to the board of trustees;  
4 to provide for the election of trustees; to provide for terms of office; to provide for  
5 vacancies; 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. 11:1651(C) and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
11 11:1651(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §1651. Board of trustees; membership; elections; vacancies; compensation

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14 C.(1) The board of trustees shall adopt rules to administer trustee elections.

15 (2)(a) The terms of the trustee serving as the retired assistant district attorney  
16 and the trustee assigned to Division B as of January 1, 2026, shall expire on  
17 August 14, 2027, and their successors shall be elected for a term of five years  
18 commencing August 15, 2027.

1           (b) The terms of the trustees assigned to Division C and Division D as of  
2           January 1, 2026, shall expire on August 14, 2029, and their successors shall be  
3           elected for a term of five years, commencing on August 15, 2029.

4           (c) The terms of the trustees assigned to Division A and Division E as of  
5           January 1, 2026, shall expire on August 14, 2030, and their successors shall be  
6           elected for a term of five years, commencing on August 15, 2030.

7           (d) The terms of the trustee serving as the retired district attorney and the  
8           trustee assigned to Division F as of January 1, 2026, shall expire on August 14, 2031,  
9           and their successors shall be elected for a term of five years, commencing on  
10          August 15, 2031.

11          D.(1) If a vacancy occurs in the office of a trustee, the vacancy shall be filled  
12          for the unexpired term in the same manner as the office was previously filled.

13          (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, if a  
14          vacancy occurs in the office of an elected trustee and the unexpired term is less than  
15          two years, the board shall fill the vacancy by appointment within ninety days, for the  
16          remainder of the unexpired term.

17          ~~D.~~ E. The trustees shall receive for attendance at meetings of the board a per  
18          diem of seventy-five dollars per day plus the normal expense allowance allowed state  
19          employees by the division of administration, provided funds are available for this  
20          purpose.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the election and terms of office for members of the board of trustees for the District Attorneys' Retirement System (DARS).

Present law provides that the board of trustees for DARS is composed of the following:

- (1) A member of the House Committee on Retirement.
- (2) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Retirement.

- (3) Six active and contributing members of the system elected by the members of the system.
- (4) Two retired members of the system elected by the retired members of the system.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law extends the terms of office for certain elected members of the DARS board of trustees such that the terms of two members expire on Aug. 14, 2027, the terms of two members expire on Aug. 14, 2029, the terms of two members expire on Aug. 14, 2030, and the terms of two members expire on Aug. 14, 2031. Provides that their successors are elected for a term of five years.

Present law provides that a vacancy is filled in the same manner as the office was filled.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that if a vacancy occurs in the office of an elected trustee and the unexpired terms is less than two years, the board shall fill the vacancy by appointment within 90 days for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(Amends R.S. 11:1651(C) and (D); Adds R.S. 11:1651(E))