

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 48

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

RETIREMENT/SHERIFFS FUND: Provides relative to membership in the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2174(B)(1)(b)(introductory paragraph) and (3)(a) and to enact
3 R.S. 11:2173.1, 2174(B)(6), and 2178(O), relative to the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief
4 Fund; to provide relative to employer responsibilities; to provide relative to
5 membership in the system; to provide relative to the payment of employee and
6 employer contributions; and to provide for related matters.

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

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 11:2174(B)(1)(b)(introductory paragraph) and (3)(a) are hereby
12 amended and reenacted and R.S. 11:2173.1, 2174(B)(6), and 2178(O) are hereby enacted to
13 read as follows:

14 §2173.1. Employers' responsibilities

15 Each agency that employs a person who is required to be a member of this
16 fund under the provisions of R.S. 11:2174 or who is a member of this fund pursuant
17 to any other provision of law shall be subject to the laws, requirements, terms, and
18 conditions that apply to any sheriff in the sheriff's capacity as an employer
19 participating in the fund, including the provisions mandating the employer to remit

1 sheriff's general fund or any available funding source of the employer until the
2 remittance is made.

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4 (6)(a) Any person who is a crier of the Louisiana Supreme Court on the
5 effective date of this Paragraph, who is not a member of this fund, but who is a
6 member of another Louisiana public retirement system may elect to become a
7 member of this fund by notifying this fund and the other system in writing by
8 September 30, 2026.

9 (b) Any person who is an employee of the Louisiana Supreme Court and
10 who is not a member of this fund but who is a member of another Louisiana public
11 retirement system covering Louisiana Supreme Court criers on the effective date of
12 this Paragraph who later becomes a crier of the Louisiana Supreme Court may elect
13 to remain a member of the other system by notifying this fund and the other system
14 in writing within thirty days of the person's employment date as a crier.

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16 §2178. Disability benefits; retirement benefits; death benefits

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18 O. No one who receives a benefit from this pension fund shall be eligible to
19 receive a benefit under the provisions of R.S. 13:75.

DIGEST

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HB 48 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to membership and contributions in the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.

Present law provides that each sheriff, including criminal and civil sheriffs, are members of the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.

Present law provides that the following become members of the retirement system if they are 18 or older and their salary is more than a specified amount as provided in present law:

- (1) Each deputy, including the criminal and civil deputies of the parish of Orleans.

- (2) The criers of the several divisions of the Civil District Courts for the parish of Orleans.

Proposed law retains present law and adds criers of the La. Supreme Court.

Proposed law provides that each agency that employs a person who is a member of the fund is subject to present law requirements, terms, and conditions that apply to any sheriff in his capacity as an employer participating in the fund.

Present law requires employee and employer contributions to be remitted to the retirement system in accordance with present law for the funding of retirement benefits from a sheriff's general fund. Provides that if a sheriff fails to remit the employer contribution to the retirement system, the treasurer of the board of trustees is to notify the legislative auditor who shall order the depository to withhold the payment of checks to the sheriff's general fund.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires any other employer of a member to provide contributions from an appropriate funding source.

Proposed law allows a crier of the La. Supreme Court who may be a member of a different retirement system the ability to elect to become a member of the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund by Sept. 30, 2026.

Proposed law prohibits a person who receives a benefit from the Sheriffs Pension and Relief Fund from receiving a benefit pursuant to present law.

(Amends R.S. 11:2174(B)(1)(b)(intro. para.) and (3)(a); Adds R.S. 11:2173.1, 2174(B)(6), and 2178(O))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Retirement to the original bill:

1. Provide each agency who employs a person participating in the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund is subject to all the provisions of present law that apply to any sheriff in the sheriff's capacity as an employer participating in the fund.
2. Allow a person who may be a member of a different retirement system the ability to elect to become a member of the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.
3. Add provisions stating that a person who receives a benefit from the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund is not eligible to receive a benefit under present law (R.S. 13:75).

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.