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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.