

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 18

BY SENATOR PRICE

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE RET. Repeals certain exceptions for retirement benefits of retirees who return to part-time employment in a position covered by the system. (2/3-CA10s(29)(F)) (8/1/26)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1762(A) and to repeal Section 2 of Act 634 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to retirees who return to part-time employment in a position covered by the Municipal Employees' Retirement System; to provide for retirement benefits under certain conditions; to provide for the termination date of certain provisions; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 11:1762(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1762. Part-time reemployment of retirees

A.(1) Whenever a retiree receiving normal retirement benefits becomes reemployed by an employer but the retiree does not meet the definition of an employee and ~~either~~ his monthly earnings are equal to or less than the difference between his monthly average final compensation and his monthly retirement benefit ~~or the retiree has more than thirty years of creditable service and is at least age sixty,~~ **his retirement benefits shall continue without any reduction, his retirement benefits shall continue,** and the retiree shall not be a member of the system.

1 (2) Whenever a retiree ~~who has thirty years or less of creditable service and~~
 2 ~~who is~~ receiving normal retirement benefits becomes reemployed by an employer but
 3 the retiree does not meet the definition of an employee and his monthly earnings
 4 exceed the difference between his monthly average final compensation and his
 5 monthly retirement benefit, his retirement benefits shall be reduced by the amount
 6 that his monthly earnings exceed the difference between his monthly average final
 7 compensation and his monthly retirement benefit for every month of such
 8 employment, and the retiree shall not be a member of the system. The calculation of
 9 monthly earnings shall not include income attributable to service as a part-time
 10 elected official listed in R.S. 11:164.

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12 Section 2. Section 2 of Act 634 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature is
 13 hereby repealed.

14 Section 3. A retiree serving as a part-time reemployed retiree under the provisions
 15 of Act 634 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature before July 1, 2026, may continue
 16 to serve as a part-time reemployed retiree without any reduction in his retirement benefits
 17 so long as his part-time service remains continuous.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Present law provides for exceptions allowing qualifying retirees of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (MERS), at least age 60 with 30 years of creditable service, to return to employment without a benefit reduction. Proposed law repeals these exceptions.

Proposed law allows a part-time retiree who was reemployed before July 1, 2026, to continue reemployment without a benefit reduction as long as there was no break in service.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 11:1762(A); repeals Section 2 of Act 634 of the 2024 RS)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Retirement to the

original bill

1. Make technical changes.
2. Delete proposed law exceptions allowing reemployment without a benefit reduction.
3. Provide that certain retirees may continue reemployment without any reduction in benefits so long as their part-time service remains continuous.