

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 195

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHANEY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

INSURANCE/GROUP-SHERIFFS: Provides with respect to payment of insurance premiums for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs of the Richland Parish Sheriff's Office

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5554(R), relative to the payment of group insurance premium
3 costs for persons retired from the Richland Parish Sheriff's Office; to provide for
4 eligibility for payment of such costs for retired sheriffs and retired deputy sheriffs
5 of the Richland Parish Sheriff's Office; to provide for effective dates; and to provide
6 for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:5554(R) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §5554. Group insurance; kinds; amounts; subrogation

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11 R. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, ~~in the~~
12 ~~parish~~ the sheriff of Richland Parish shall pay ~~one hundred percent of the premium~~
13 ~~costs of group hospital, surgical, and medical expense insurance and the first ten~~
14 ~~thousand dollars of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of this Section~~
15 ~~shall be paid~~ from the sheriff's general fund the premium costs of group insurance
16 for any sheriff or full-time deputy sheriff who is entitled to receive monthly benefits
17 from the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund and has retired ~~who retires from the~~
18 Richland Parish Sheriff's Office ~~sheriff's office and who is entitled to receive~~

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for eligibility for payment of group insurance premium costs for sheriffs and deputy sheriffs retiring from the Richland Parish Sheriff's Office.

Present law provides that the sheriff of Richland Parish shall pay 100% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and life insurance from the sheriff's general fund for any retired sheriff or deputy sheriff entitled to receive benefits from the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund and who is at least 55 years of age and has 15 years of full-time service or has 30 years of full-time service, regardless of age.

Proposed law provides that present law shall apply to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who are eligible to retire and meet certain requirements on or before Aug. 31, 2013.

Proposed law requires the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and medical expense insurance, and the first \$10,000 of life insurance to be paid by the sheriff of Richland Parish from the sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who first become eligible to retire and subsequently retire after Aug. 31, 2013, as follows:

- (1) 50% with at least 25 years of service with the Richland Parish Sheriff's Office and who has attained the age of 55 years of age.
- (2) 100% with at least 30 years of service with the Richland Parish Sheriff's Office, regardless of age.

(Amends R.S. 13:5554(R))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Clarified that 50% of insurance premium costs will be paid to those with at least 25 years of service who have attained the age of 55 years.