

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

INSURANCE/GROUP-SHERIFFS. Provides with respect to payment of insurance premiums for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs of the Acadia, Richland and St . Bernard parish offices.

DIGEST

Present law provides that the sheriffs of Acadia, Richland and St. Bernard parishes 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 of Acadia and St. Bernard parishes who are eligible to retire and meet certain requirements on or before June 30, 2013.

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

Proposed law regarding Acadia parish 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 from the sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who first become eligible to retire and subsequently retire on or after July 1, 2013, as follows:

- (1) 50% with at least 20 years of continuous service with the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office and who has attained the age of 55 years.
- (2) 100% with at least 30 years of creditable service with 20 of those years as continuous service with the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office, regardless of age.

Proposed law regarding Richland parish 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 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.
- (2) 100% with at least 30 years of service with the Richland Parish Sheriff's Office, regardless of age.

Proposed law regarding St. Bernard parish 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 from the sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who first become eligible to retire and subsequently retire on or after July 1, 2013, as follows:

- (1) 50% with at least 20 years of creditable service with the St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Office and who has attained the age of 55 years.
- (2) 75% with at least 25 years of creditable service with the St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Office and who has attained the age of 55 years.
- (3) 100% with at least 30 years of creditable service with the St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Office, regardless of age.

(Amends R.S. 13:5554(R); adds R.S. 13:5554(G)(3) and (4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Clarified that regarding Richland parish 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.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the reengrossed bill

1. Adds provisions relative to retirees of the sheriff's offices of Acadia and St. Bernard parishes.