

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 37

BY REPRESENTATIVE NANCY LANDRY

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

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2096, relative to the Registrars of Voters Employees'  
3 Retirement System; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the board relative  
4 to system's actuarial assumptions; and to provide for related matters.

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

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 11:2096 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §2096. Actuary; appointment; duties and powers

11 A. The board of trustees shall designate an actuary who shall be ~~the a~~ a  
12 technical ~~adviser~~ advisor of the board of trustees on matters regarding the operation  
13 of the ~~funds~~ system created by the provisions of this Chapter, and shall perform such  
14 other duties as are required ~~in connection therewith~~ by law or by the board of  
15 trustees.

16 B. Immediately after the establishment of the retirement system, the actuary  
17 shall make such investigation of the mortality, service, and compensation experience  
18 of the members of the system as he shall recommend and the board of trustees shall  
19 authorize, and on the basis of such investigation he shall recommend for adoption by  
20 the board of trustees such tables and such rates as are required in Subsection C of this  
21 Section. The board of trustees shall adopt tables and certify rates, and as soon as  
22 practicable thereafter the actuary shall make a valuation based on such tables and  
23 rates of the assets and liabilities of the ~~funds~~ system created by this Chapter.

1                   C. In the year nineteen hundred fifty-six, and at least once in each five-year  
 2                   period thereafter, the actuary shall make an actuarial investigation into the mortality,  
 3                   service, and compensation experience of the members and beneficiaries of the  
 4                   retirement system, and shall make a valuation of the assets and liabilities of the funds  
 5                   of the system, and taking into account the result of such investigation and valuation,  
 6                   the board of trustees shall:

7                   (1) Adopt for the retirement system such mortality, service, and other tables  
 8                   as shall be deemed necessary; ~~and,~~

9                   (2) Certify the rates of contribution payable by each employer on account of  
 10                  new entrants.

11                  D.(1) On the basis of such tables as the board of trustees shall adopt, the  
 12                  actuary shall make an annual valuation of the assets and liabilities of the ~~funds of the~~  
 13                  system created by this Chapter.

14                  (2) Any new tables and interest assumptions adopted in accordance with  
 15                  Subsection C of this Section shall be applicable only with respect to persons who are  
 16                  members on the date of adoption. Tables in effect on the date of retirement shall  
 17                  remain applicable with respect to persons who retire prior to the adoption of new  
 18                  tables.

19                  E.(1) Effective June 30, 2013, unless different actuarial assumptions are  
 20                  formally adopted and disclosed, as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the  
 21                  following assumptions shall determine the actuarial equivalents to be used in this  
 22                  retirement system:

23                  (a) Interest shall be compounded at the rate of seven and one-half percent per  
 24                  annum.

25                  (b) Annuity rates shall be determined on the basis of the RP-2000 Combined  
 26                  Healthy Table set back three years for males and two years for females.

27                  (2) The board of trustees may authorize the use of interest and mortality rates  
 28                  in determining the actuarial equivalents which are different from the actuarial  
 29                  assumptions specified in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. Any change in such  
 30                  actuarial assumptions shall be considered a part of the plan provisions of this

1           retirement system and shall be considered an amendment to the plan provisions  
 2           contained in this Section. In order to be effective, such change shall be formally  
 3           adopted by the board of trustees as a rule or rules promulgated pursuant to the  
 4           Administrative Procedure Act and disclosed to members of the retirement system.

5                   (3) No change in actuarial assumptions shall reduce a member's accrued  
 6           benefit.

7           Section 2. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2013; if vetoed by the  
 8           governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on  
 9           June 30, 2013, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_