

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 586

BY REPRESENTATIVE THIBAUT

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1923(D), relative to assessors; to provide relative to the
3 payment of certain group insurance premiums for retirees of certain assessors'
4 offices; to establish retiree eligibility criteria; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
6 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
7 Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 47:1923(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §1923. Authority for assessors separately or jointly to contract for insurance;
11 payment of premiums

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13 D.(1)(a) In the parishes of Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles,
14 Beauregard, Bienville, Calcasieu, Caldwell, Cameron, Catahoula, Claiborne,
15 Concordia, DeSoto, East Baton Rouge, Franklin, Iberia, Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson,
16 Lafayette, Lafourche, LaSalle, Lincoln, Livingston, Madison, Morehouse,
17 Natchitoches, Orleans, Ouachita, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Red River,
18 Sabine, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St.
19 Martin, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Terrebonne, Union, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington,
20 Webster, West Baton Rouge, West Carroll, and West Feliciana, the assessor shall
21 pay the premium cost of group life, dental, group health, hospital, surgical, or other
22 medical insurance for any assessor or assessor's employee who ~~retires with at least~~
23 ~~twenty years of service who is at least fifty-five years of age or who retires with at~~
24 ~~least thirty years of service at any age~~ meets the requirements of Subparagraph (b)

1 of this Paragraph. A uniform policy with respect to the payment of such premium
 2 shall be formulated and applied by the assessor of each parish listed in this
 3 ~~Subsection~~ Subparagraph.

4 (b) Either of the following requirements shall be met for eligibility for the
 5 assessor's payment of premium costs as provided in Subparagraph (a) of this
 6 Paragraph:

7 (i) The assessor or assessor's employee was elected, appointed, or hired
 8 before August 1, 2014, and retires in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 11:1421
 9 with at least twenty years of service.

10 (ii) The assessor or assessor's employee was elected, appointed, or hired on
 11 or after August 1, 2014, and retires in accordance with the provisions of R.S.
 12 11:1421 with at least twenty years of service. At least twelve years of service shall
 13 have been earned at the assessor's office from which the person retires. For purposes
 14 of this Item, the twelve years of service required for eligibility for receipt of benefits
 15 provided for in this Paragraph shall not include any service that was earned
 16 elsewhere and transferred for credit with the assessor's office from which the person
 17 retires.

18 (2)(a) In Acadia Parish, the assessor shall pay the premium cost of group life,
 19 dental, group health, hospital, surgical, or other medical insurance for any assessor
 20 or assessor's employee who ~~retires with at least twenty-five years of service who is~~
 21 ~~at least fifty-five years of age or who retires with at least thirty years of service at~~
 22 ~~any age~~ meets the requirements of Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph. A uniform
 23 policy with respect to the payment of the cost of such premium shall be formulated
 24 and applied by the assessor of Acadia Parish.

25 (b) Either of the following requirements shall be met for eligibility for the
 26 assessor's payment of premium costs as provided in Subparagraph (a) of this
 27 Paragraph:

28 (i) The assessor or assessor's employee was elected, appointed, or hired
 29 before August 1, 2014, and retires in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 11:1421
 30 with at least twenty-five years of service.

1 (ii) The assessor or assessor's employee was elected, appointed, or hired on
 2 or after August 1, 2014, and retires in accordance with the provisions of R.S.
 3 11:1421 with at least twenty years of service. At least twelve years of service shall
 4 have been earned at the Acadia Parish assessor's office. For purposes of this Item,
 5 the twelve years of service required for eligibility for receipt of benefits provided for
 6 in this Paragraph shall not include any service that was earned elsewhere and
 7 transferred for credit with the Acadia Parish assessor's office.

8 (3)(a) In the parishes of East Carroll and Richland, the assessor shall pay the
 9 premium cost of group life, dental, group health, hospital, surgical, or other medical
 10 insurance for any assessor or assessor's employee who meets the requirements of
 11 Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph. A uniform policy with respect to the payment
 12 of the cost of such premium shall be formulated and applied by the assessor of each
 13 parish listed in this Subparagraph.

14 (b) The requirements of this Subparagraph shall be met for eligibility for the
 15 assessor's payment of premium costs as provided in Subparagraph (a) of this
 16 Paragraph. The assessor or assessor's employee was elected, appointed, or hired on
 17 or after August 1, 2014, and retires in accordance with the provisions of R.S.
 18 11:1421 with at least twenty years of service. At least twelve years of service shall
 19 have been earned at the assessor's office from which the person retires. For purposes
 20 of this Item, the twelve years of service required for eligibility for receipt of benefits
 21 provided for in this Paragraph shall not include any service that was earned
 22 elsewhere and transferred for credit with the assessor's office from which the person
 23 retires.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____