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HOUSE BILL NO. 20

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BY REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

RETIREMENT/MUNICIPAL EMP: Places new hires of the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court for the parish of East Baton Rouge in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System

AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 11:1732(14)(a)(x), relative to participation by employees of the Nineteenth 3 Judicial District Court in a public retirement system; to authorize participation by 4 such employees in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System; to provide 5 qualifications for such participation; and to provide for related matters. 6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published 7 as provided by Article X, Section 29(C) of the Constitution 8 of Louisiana. 9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 10 Section 1. R.S. 11:1732(14)(a)(x) is hereby enacted to read as follows: 11 §1732. Definitions 12 The following words and phrases, as used in this Chapter, unless a different 13 meaning is plainly required by the context, shall have the following meaning: 14 15 (14)(a) "Employer" or "participating employer" shall mean: 16 17 (x) The Nineteenth Judicial District Court. 18

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CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

1 Section 2. Beginning on the effective date of an agreement between the board of the

- 2 Municipal Employees' Retirement System and the Nineteenth Judicial District Court, all
- 3 employees hired on or after the effective date of such an agreement and who fulfill the
- 4 definition of "employee" provided in R.S. 11:1732 shall participate in and contribute to the
- 5 Municipal Employees' Retirement System.
- 6 Section 3. The provisions of this Act do not apply to judges or employees of the
- 7 Clerk of Court office of the Nineteenth Judicial District Court.
- 8 Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
- 9 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
- by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
- vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
- 12 effective on the day following such approval.

## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes employees of the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court (JDC) in the parish of East Baton Rouge to participate in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS).

<u>Present law</u> establishes MERS and authorizes certain entities that are not municipalities to participate in such system by agreement. <u>Proposed law</u> adds the 19<sup>th</sup> JDC to the list of entities authorized to participate in MERS.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires all employees of the 19<sup>th</sup> JDC hired on or after the effective date of an agreement for participation to participate in MERS if the employee meets the definition of "employee" in <u>present law</u> for MERS. Such definition requires an employee to be actively employed by a participating employer on a permanent, regularly scheduled basis of at least an average of thirty-five hours per week.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that <u>proposed law</u> does not apply to judges or employees of the Clerk of Court office of the 19<sup>th</sup> JDC.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 11:1732(14)(a)(x))