

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 23

BY REPRESENTATIVE REYNOLDS

RETIREMENT/MUNICIPAL EMP: Requires the Municipal Employees' Retirement System to establish rules and regulations governing certain procedures relative to the election of trustees to the system board

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1821(H)(2), relative to the Municipal Employees' Retirement
3 System; to provide relative to procedures for the election of trustees to the system
4 board; to provide with respect to the powers and duties of the board and staff with
5 respect to such procedures; to provide with respect to the retention and certification
6 of election ballots; and to provide for related matters.

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

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 11:1821(H)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §1821. Board of trustees; membership; term of office; oath of office; compensation;
13 voting power; vacancies

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17 ~~(2) Upon receipt, each ballot received by the system shall be stored and kept~~
18 ~~in a secure location within the system office with access being limited to the director~~
19 ~~or his designee who can certify the date of receipt of each ballot and the safeguard~~

1 ~~procedures related thereto.~~ The board shall establish rules and regulations with
2 respect to the retention and certification of ballots received by the system.

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4 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
5 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
6 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
7 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
8 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) board of trustees to establish rules and regulations with respect to certain procedures governing trustee elections.

Present law creates the 11-member board of trustees of the MERS system. Further provides relative to procedures with respect to the election of trustees to the board. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires each ballot cast in a trustee election that is received by the system be stored and kept in a secure location within the system office. Further limits access to such ballots to the director or his designee, who can certify the date of receipt of each ballot and safeguard procedures related thereto. Proposed law repeals present law and further requires the board to establish rules and regulations with respect to the retention and certification of ballots received by the system.

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

(R.S. 11:1821(H)(2))