## **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))