

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 40

BY REPRESENTATIVE REYNOLDS

RETIREMENT/MUNICIPAL EMP: Provides relative to the reemployment of retirees in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1762(A) and (B), relative to reemployed retirees in the
3 Municipal Employees' Retirement System; to require contributions to the retirement
4 system during reemployment and to provide for disposition of such contributions
5 upon termination of reemployment; 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. 11:1762(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
11 follows:

12 §1762. Reemployment of retirees

13 A.(1) Whenever a retired member receiving normal retirement benefits
14 becomes reemployed by an employer such that his monthly earnings are equal to or
15 less than the difference between his monthly average final compensation and his
16 monthly retirement benefit, his retirement benefits shall continue ~~and he shall not be~~
17 ~~a member of the system.~~

18 B. (2) Whenever a retired member receiving normal retirement benefits
19 becomes reemployed by an employer such that his monthly earnings exceed the
20 difference between his monthly average final compensation and his monthly
21 retirement benefit, his retirement benefits shall be reduced by the amount his

1 monthly earnings exceed the difference between his monthly average final
2 compensation and his monthly retirement benefit for every month of such
3 employment ~~and he shall not be a member of the system.~~

4 B. During a period of reemployment by an employer, the retiree and his
5 employer shall make contributions to the retirement system as provided by this
6 Chapter, but the retiree shall receive no additional service credit and shall not accrue
7 any additional retirement benefit in the retirement system. Upon termination of
8 reemployment, employee contributions paid since reemployment shall, upon
9 application, be refunded to the retiree without interest. The retirement system shall
10 retain the employer contributions and interest on contributions made pursuant to this
11 Subsection.

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13 Section 2. The provisions of this Act apply to a retiree who is reemployed and
14 receiving benefits on the effective date of this Act and to a retiree who is reemployed after
15 that date.

16 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
17 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
18 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
19 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
20 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires employer and employee contributions to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) during a period of reemployment of a retiree.

Present law provides that during a period of reemployment of a retiree of MERS, his employment income plus his retirement benefit may not exceed his final average compensation; if it does, his retirement benefit is reduced by the excess amount. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that during such period of reemployment, the employee is not a member of the system. Proposed law removes this provision and requires that during the period of reemployment, the retiree and his employer make contributions to the retirement system. Provides, however, that the retiree shall not receive additional service credit or accrue additional benefits in the retirement system. Proposed law further provides that upon termination of reemployment, employee contributions shall be refunded to the retiree without interest and provides that the retirement system retains the employer contributions and interest.

Proposed law provides that proposed law is applicable to a retiree who is reemployed and receiving benefits on the effective date of the Act and to future reemployed retirees.

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

(Amends R.S. 11:1762(A) and (B))