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2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 34

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BY REPRESENTATIVE REYNOLDS

RETIREMENT/MUNICIPAL EMP: Provides that all mayors are members of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1732(13)(a), relative to membership in the Municipal
3	Employees' Retirement System; to provide that all mayors are members of the
4	system; and to provide for related matters.
5	Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
6	as provided by Article X, Section 29(C) of the Constitution
7	of Louisiana.
8	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
9	Section 1. R.S. 11:1732(13)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
10	§1732. Definitions
11	The following words and phrases, as used in this Chapter, unless a different
12	meaning is plainly required by the context, shall have the following meaning:
13	* * *
14	(13)(a) "Employee" means a person, including an elected official, actively
15	employed by a participating employer on a permanent, regularly scheduled basis of
16	at least an average of thirty-five hours per week and any municipal mayor whether
17	elected or appointed and regardless of his work schedule.
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1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2016; if vetoed by the governor

- 2 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
- 3 2016, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides that any municipal mayor, whether appointed or elected and regardless of work schedule, is in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS).

<u>Present law</u> creates and provides for MERS. Defines employee for purposes of applicability of the retirement system as a person, including an elected official, actively employed by a municipality or other specified entities on a permanent, regularly scheduled basis of at least 35 hours per week.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and additionally provides that any municipal mayor, whether appointed or elected and regardless of work schedule, is an employee covered by MERS.

Effective July 1, 2016

(Amends R.S. 11:1732(13)(a))