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HB 38 Engrossed

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Montoucet

Abstract: Requires an employee covered by Social Security who wishes to rejoin the Firefighters' Retirement System (FRS) to repay previously refunded employee contributions plus interest.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes an employee who would otherwise be in FRS or the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (MPERS) and who is employed by a municipality, parish, or fire protection district that has its police officers or firefighters covered by Social Security, to decide not to be a member of the appropriate retirement system. Requires that employee contributions to the retirement system be refunded without interest to an employee who decides not to be a member.

Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Present law</u> provides that an employee who decided not to be a member of MPERS is not eligible to rejoin MPERS while he is employed by the same municipality unless he repays his previously refunded employee contributions plus interest at the board-approved actuarial valuation rate. <u>Present law</u> makes no provision for an employee who wishes to rejoin FRS. <u>Proposed law</u> provides for rejoining FRS subject to the same requirements as apply to MPERS.

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

(Amends R.S. 11:157(A) and (C))