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## DIGEST

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HB 530 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Requires retirees of the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office to have at least eight of the required 15 or 30 years of full-time creditable service with the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office in order to have the premiums for certain health and life insurance benefits paid from the sheriff's general fund.

Present law provides that the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance and the first \$10,000 of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of present law shall be paid in full from the sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs retired with at least 15 years of service who are at least 55 years of age or retired with at least 30 years of service at any age.

Present law is applicable only to the sheriffs' offices of the parishes of Acadia, Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, Caldwell, Cameron, Catahoula, Concordia, East Feliciana, Grant, Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lincoln, Livingston, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Red River, St. Bernard, St. James, St. Martin, Tangipahoa, Union, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Carroll, and West Feliciana and the sheriff of the Civil District Court of the parish of Orleans, for their respective retirees.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that in the parish of Calcasieu, 100% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance and the first \$10,000 of life insurance shall be paid in full from the sheriff's general fund for any sheriff and full-time deputy sheriff who has:

- (1) Retired from the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office and who is entitled to receive monthly benefits from the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.
- (2) At least eight of the required 15 or 30 years of full-time creditable service with the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office.

(Adds R.S. 13:5554(G)(5))