

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 970

BY REPRESENTATIVE ANDERS

SHERIFFS: Provides relative to group insurance premiums for retirees of the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:5554(G)(5), relative to payment for certain benefits for retirees from
3 Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office; to provide for the qualifications for payment for
4 certain insurance premiums; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:5554(G)(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §5554. Group insurance; kinds; amounts; subrogation

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11 (5)(a) The provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, as applicable to the
12 sheriff's office of Concordia Parish, shall apply to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who
13 retire or are eligible to retire prior to September 1, 2017, who meet the eligibility
14 requirements pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

15 (b) In the parish of Concordia, the premium costs of group hospital, surgical,
16 medical expense, and dental insurance contracted under the provisions of this Section
17 and the first ten thousand dollars of life insurance contracted for under the provisions
18 of this Section shall be paid in full by the sheriff's general fund to all sheriffs and
19 deputy sheriffs who retire or are eligible to retire on or after September 1, 2017, and
20 who have either of the following:

1 (i) Fifteen years of continuous and creditable service with the sheriffs office
 2 of Concordia Parish on or before September 1, 2017, and subsequently retired or are
 3 eligible for retirement from the sheriff's office of Concordia Parish after having
 4 reached the age of fifty-five.

5 (ii) Thirty or more years of continuous and creditable service with the
 6 sheriff's office of Concordia Parish who are eligible to retire after September 1, 2017,
 7 regardless of age.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires sheriff and deputy sheriff retirees of the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office to have 15 or 30 years of continuous and credible service with the Concordia 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 who retire 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, Vermillion, 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 further provides that in the parish of Concordia, present law only applies to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who retire or are eligible to retire prior to Sept. 1, 2017.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that in the parish of Concordia, these premium costs shall be paid in full from the sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs or deputy sheriffs who retire or are eligible to retire on or after Sept. 1, 2017, and have:

- (1) Retired or are eligible to retire from the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office on or before Sept. 1, 2017, after 15 years of continuous and creditable service and are at least 55 years of age.

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- (2) 30 or more years of continuous and creditable service with the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office at any age who are eligible to retire after Sept. 1, 2017.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Provides that proposed law applies to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who are eligible for retirement on or after Sept. 1, 2017.