

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 701

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

RETIREMENT/STATE EMPS: Adds public defenders to the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:413(6) and to enact R.S. 11:411(10), relative to eligibility for  
3 membership in the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System; to provide for  
4 membership of public defenders employed by or under contract with the Louisiana  
5 Public Defender Board; to provide for membership of public defenders employed by  
6 or under contract with a district public defender program not participating in the  
7 Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana; and to provide for related  
8 matters.

9 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
10 as provided by Article X, Section 29(C) of the Constitution  
11 of Louisiana.

12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

13 Section 1. R.S. 11:413(6) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 11:411(10) is  
14 hereby enacted to read as follows:

15 §411. Eligibility for membership

16 The membership of this system shall be as follows:

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18 (10)(a) Each attorney employed by or under contract with the Louisiana  
19 Public Defender Board.



Present law requires a person employed by a district indigent defender program who works at least twenty-eight hours a week to become a member of PERS, if the PERS board of trustees approves a plan submitted by the program for extending the benefits provided by PERS to employees of the program (plan). Present law requires the PERS board of trustees to accept plans that meet certain criteria.

Present law requires employees of any state board to become a member of LASERS as a condition of their employment. Makes independent contractors ineligible for membership in LASERS.

Proposed law provides that each attorney employed by the board shall become a member of LASERS. Requires an attorney employed by a district indigent defender program not covered by a PERS plan in effect on June 30, 2018, to become a member of LASERS. Further requires any attorney under contract with the board or a district indigent defender program to become a member of LASERS.

Effective July 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 11:413(6); Adds R.S. 11:411(10))