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Abstract: Allows retired members of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) to return to work in elected positions without limitation on retirement earnings.

Present law provides that when a retired member of MERS receiving normal retirement benefits becomes reemployed by a covered employer, his monthly retirement benefit and monthly earnings (collective monthly benefit) shall not exceed his monthly average compensation prior to retirement. If they do, present law requires that his retirement benefit be reduced as necessary to make his collective monthly benefit equal his monthly average final compensation. Present law further provides that reemployed retirees shall not become members of the system.

Proposed law provides that if a retired member receiving normal retirement benefits becomes reemployed in an elected position, his retirement benefit shall not be reduced, regardless of the amount of his monthly earnings during his time as an elected official. Proposed law further provides that such retirees shall not become members of the system. Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 11:1762(A)(2))