
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that certain employees of Plaquemines Parish government whose employment was transferred to the parish fire department shall remain members of the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of La. (PERS) rather than becoming members of the Firefighters' Retirement System (FRS).

Present law relative to FRS requires that any person who is in a position defined in the municipal fire and police civil service system and who is employed by a parish fire department become a member of FRS as a condition of his employment; however, no person age 50 or over shall become a member of the system.

Present law relative to PERS provides that a person who is employed as a permanent employee of a parish and who is not eligible for any other public retirement in this state is a member of the system. However, present law provides that any person who is ineligible for membership in the publicly funded retirement system covered by his employment because of failure to meet requirements or qualifications for membership shall not be eligible for membership in PERS.

Present local law (Plaquemines Parish) consolidates the parish ambulance department into the parish fire department. Fire department employees are members of FRS. Prior to consolidation, ambulance department employees were members of PERS. Upon consolidation, employees of the ambulance department became members of FRS if they were eligible to do so.

Proposed law requires employees of the Plaquemines Parish fire department who were former employees of the ambulance department and who are ineligible to transfer service credit to or become members of FRS due to their age to remain in PERS.

(Amends R.S. 11:1922(G))