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Present law provides for the Regional Transit Authority (RTA).

<u>Present law</u> further provides that all permanent employees of the RTA shall be classified employees in the state civil service system and as such shall be eligible to participate in the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS).

Proposed law retains present law for all permanent employees hired on or before June 30, 2019.

<u>Present law</u> (La. Const. Art. X, Sec. 1(A)) establishes the state civil service. Provides that regardless of the source of funding used to pay for their employment, employees of certain entities including the state and any state instrumentality are in the state civil service.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and provides that the RTA shall not be considered to be an instrumentality of the state for purposes of Article X, Section 1(A). Provides that all employees of the authority, hired on or after July 1, 2019, shall not be included in the state civil service system or LASERS.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the RTA to remit that portion of LASERS' unfunded accrued liability existing on June 30, 2019, attributable to the RTA. <u>Proposed law</u> further provides that the amount due shall be determined by the actuary employed by LASERS and shall be amortized over ten years.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the general powers of the RTA, including the power to hire employees and to contract for services.

Proposed law retains present law.

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<u>Present law</u> specifies that, except as provided in <u>present law</u>, all personnel of the RTA shall be employed in accordance with the constitutional provisions and rules and regulations pertaining to the state classified service.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that full-time employees of the RTA shall be eligible to participate in LASERS.

Proposed law deletes present law.

Effective June 30, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 48:1655(N) and 1656(2))