HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 14 2019 Regular Session

Carpenter

RETIREMENT/FIREFIGHTERS: Prohibits certain employees from rejoining the Firefighters' Retirement System and Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Adds provision that any employee of certain MPERS employers shall become a member of MPERS unless he files an affidavit, by Sept. 30, 2019, stating his election not to become a member.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

<u>Present law</u> authorizes anyone who is employed by a parish, municipality, or fire protection district whose employees are also covered under the federal Social Security program to choose not to become a member of MPERS or FRS as applicable. Requires any employee who elects not to become a member to execute and file with the retirement system an affidavit stating that his election not to be a member is of his own free will and is his own voluntary act and deed.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>, and for MPERS only, provides that any employee employed on July 1, 2019, by any employer which entered into an agreement to cover its employees under social security under <u>present</u> federal <u>law</u> after June 30, 1973, and before January 1, 1990, and who is not a member of the retirement system on July 1, 2019, shall become a member of the retirement system unless the employee executes the affidavit provided for in <u>present law</u>.

<u>Present law</u> requires a member who wishes to rejoin the system while employed by the same parish, municipality, or fire protection district to repay his refunded employee contributions with interest. <u>Proposed law</u> prohibits a person from rejoining FRS or MPERS while he is employed by the same employer or any other employer whose employees are covered under the federal Social Security program.

<u>Proposed law</u> further provides that an employee who chose not to be a member and who returns to work for an employer whose employees are not covered under the federal Social Security program may join or rejoin the system but may not purchase service credit for the period of time that he chose not to be a member.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, for purposes of membership verification, to provide FRS and MPERS with the name, address, and social security number of each recipient of state supplemental pay.

(Amends R.S. 11:157(A) and (C); Adds R.S. 11:157(D))