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Existing law requires the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance and the first \$10,000 of life insurance contracted for under existing law be paid in full from the St. Martin Parish sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs retired with at least 15 years of service who were at least 55 years of age or retired with at least 30 years of service at any age before July 1, 2009.

New law retains existing law.

Existing law requires the sheriff of St. Martin Parish to pay out of the sheriff's general fund 50% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and the first \$10,000 of life insurance contracted for under existing law, if the sheriff or deputy sheriff retired from the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office with 20 years of creditable service with the Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund, on or after July 1, 2009.

New law retains existing law, but limits the applicable time period from after July 1, 2009, to on or after July 1, 2009, and before July 1, 2022.

<u>New law</u> requires the St. Martin Parish sheriff to pay out of the sheriff's general fund the premium costs of group insurance for any retired sheriff and any retired deputy sheriff who retired from the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office as follows:

- (1) 50% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and medical expense insurance, and \$10,000 of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of existing law if the sheriff and deputy sheriff retired in good standing with 30 continuous years or more of creditable full-time service with the sheriff's office of St. Martin Parish and is at least 55 years of age.
- (2) 50% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and medical expense insurance, and \$10,000 of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of existing law if the sheriff and deputy sheriff retired in good standing with 20 continuous years of creditable full-time service with the sheriff's office of St. Martin Parish and is at least 65 years of age.

<u>New law</u> applies to persons hired or rehired by the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office on or after July 1, 2022, and who subsequently retire from the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office.

Effective July 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 13:5554(G)(2) and (V))