

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 17

BY REPRESENTATIVE TARVER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

RETIREMENT/MUNICIPAL POL: Provides relative to the deferred retirement option plan
of the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2221(C), relative to the Municipal Police Employees'
3 Retirement System; to provide for participation in the Deferred Retirement Option
4 Plan; to provide for extension of duration for certain members; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
7 as provided by Article X, Section 29(C) of the Constitution
8 of Louisiana.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 11:2221(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

11 §2221. Deferred Retirement Option Plan

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13 C.(1) The duration of participation in the plan shall be specified and shall not
14 exceed five years. However, if employer contributions on behalf of a participant are
15 suspended during the participation period as a result of interruption of employment,
16 benefit payments into the participant's subaccount within the plan shall be suspended
17 until payment of employer contributions is restored, and the member's participation
18 period shall be extended by the number of months his benefit payments were
19 suspended. In such a case, the participation period may exceed five calendar years
20 but shall not exceed sixty nonconsecutive months of participation.

1 (2)(a) Notwithstanding Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, any person who
2 began participation in the plan on or before June 30, 2024, who elected a
3 participation period of three years, and who is participating in the plan on July 1,
4 2025, may elect to extend his participation in the plan for a total participation of not
5 more than five years.

6 **(b) The participant shall notify the board of trustees, in writing, of his**
7 **election to extend his participation in the plan and shall specify his new participation**
8 **duration on or before the earlier of the final participation date he specified when he**
9 **originally elected to participate in the plan or August 1, 2025.**

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) in the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System.

Present law provides that participants in the DROP program may elect a participation period in the plan for not more than five years. (Act No. 673 of the 2024 R.S. changed the maximum participation from three to five years, effective July 1, 2024.)

Proposed law allows participants in DROP the opportunity to extend their participation in the plan for a total participation of not more than five years if they meet all of the following requirements:

- (1) Began participation prior to July 1, 2024.
- (2) Elected a participation period of three years.
- (3) Are participating in the plan on July 1, 2025.

Proposed law requires the plan participant to notify the board of trustees in writing of his election to extend his plan participation.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 11:2221(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Retirement to the original bill:

1. Require the participant to specify the duration of his participation before his final participation date or Aug. 1, 2025, whichever is earlier.
2. Change the effective date to upon signature of governor.