

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Original Senate Bill No. 176 by Senator Foil

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 5, after "Legislature," insert "and R.S. 11:2213(12)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 7, after "714," and before "relative to" insert "and R.S. 11:2213(11)(k), 2214(A)(2)(f), and 2225.4(A)(2)(c),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 12, after "by the authority;" insert "to provide for retirement benefits for the employees of the authority;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, line 4, delete "A." insert "A.(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 5, line 6, after "**who shall**" insert "**be appointed by the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council and**"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 5, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

"(2) In addition to those board members appointed by the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council, the state senators from state senatorial districts fourteen and fifteen and the state representatives from state representative districts sixty-three and sixty-four shall serve as ex officio members of the authority with all voting rights and privileges afforded to other members. They shall serve terms concurrent with their term of elected office. Membership seats held by the state senator for district 14 and the state representative for district 64 shall cease to exist and terminate from the board on December 31, 2027."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 5, line 12, after "**members**" insert "**appointed by the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council**"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 5, line 13, after "**shall**" insert "**be domiciled in East Baton Rouge Parish and**"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 9, line 30, delete "**state or**" and insert "**state,**" and after "**entity**" insert "**, or an external procurement activity as defined in R. S. 39:1556**"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 18, line 15, after "**all**" insert "**movable and**"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 11

2 On page 21, line 14, delete "**B. By**" to "**B. (1) Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this**
3 **Subsection, by**" and after "**shall**" delete the remainder of the line and insert "**have taken all**
4 **necessary steps to become a participating employer in the Employees' Retirement**
5 **System of the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge. In the alternative,**
6 **the regional authority may, by the approval date, adopt another or establish its own**"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 12

8 On page 21, between lines 22 and 23, insert:

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10 "**(2) Notwithstanding any provision of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection to the contrary,**
11 **the regional authority may elect to become a participating employer in the Municipal**
12 **Police Employees' Retirement System. By the approval date, the authority shall notify**
13 **the system's board of trustees of the authority's election to become a participating**
14 **employer or to establish its own retirement system or pension plan.**"
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16 AMENDMENT NO. 13

17 On page 21, line 23, after "**C.**" delete "**The**" and insert "**If the regional authority elects**
18 **to establish its own retirement system or pension plan, the**"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 14

20 On page 21, line 27, delete "**(1)**" and insert "**(1)(a)**" and after "**plans,**" insert "**of which R.S.**
21 **11:143 does not apply,**"
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23 AMENDMENT NO. 15

24 On page 21, after line 30, insert the following:

25 "**(b) For defined benefit plans to which R.S. 11:143 applies:**
26 **(i) If the regional authority's retirement system or pension plan is**
27 **required to make transfers to other systems in accordance with R.S. 11:143,**
28 **then the defined benefit plan shall transfer to the regional authority's system or**
29 **plan an amount calculated in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 11:143**
30 **upon application of the member for a transfer of service credit.**
31 **(ii) If the regional authority's retirement system or pension plan is not**
32 **required to make transfers to other systems in accordance with R.S. 11:143,**
33 **then the defined benefit plan shall transfer to the regional authority's system or**
34 **plan the amount of the employee's contributions upon application of the**
35 **member for that refund and transfer.**"

36 AMENDMENT NO. 16

37 On page 23, line 3, delete "**only apply to**" and insert "**apply only to**"

38 AMENDMENT NO. 17

39 On page 23, line 6, delete "**G.**" insert "**G.(1)**"

40 AMENDMENT NO. 18

41 On page 23, between lines 9 and 10 insert the following:

42 "**(2) If the regional authority elects to participate in the Employees'**
43 **Retirement System of the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge,**
44 **an employee's membership in the system shall be governed by the ordinances**
45 **and other plan provisions of the system.**"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 19

2 On page 27, between lines 9 and 10, insert:

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4 "Section 2. R.S. 11:2213(12) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
5 11:2213(11)(k), 2214(A)(2)(f), and 2225.4(A)(2)(c) are hereby enacted to read as
6 follows:
7 §2213. Definitions

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9 The following words and phrases, as used in this Chapter, unless a different meaning
10 is plainly required by context, shall have the following meanings:

11 * * *
12 (11) "Employee" shall mean any of the following classifications:

13 * * *
14 **(k) Employee shall also mean any person employed by the Baton Rouge**
15 **Regional Airport Authority who would be a system member if employed by a**
16 **municipality.**

17 (12) "Employer" shall mean any municipality in the state of Louisiana which
18 employs a full-time police officer, empowered to make arrests, or which has an
19 elected chief of police whose salary is at least one thousand dollars per month, **the**
20 **Baton Rouge Regional Airport Authority**, and the Municipal Police Employees'
21 Retirement System.

22 * * *
23 §2214. Membership

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25 A. The membership of the retirement system shall be composed as follows:

26 * * *
27 (2)

28 * * *
29 **(f) The mandatory membership provisions of this Paragraph shall not**
30 **apply to employees of the Baton Rouge Regional Airport Authority if the**
31 **authority elects to establish its own retirement system or pension plan as**
32 **provided in the legislation authorizing the creation of the authority.**

33 §2225.4. Unfunded accrued liability; payment by employer

34 (A)

35 (2)

36 **(c) If, on the June thirtieth immediately following the transfer of**
37 **employees from the city to the Baton Rouge Regional Airport Authority, the city**
38 **is deemed to have partially dissolved its police department, the system shall**
39 **determine whether the partial dissolution would have occurred without the**
40 **transfer of employees. If no dissolution would have occurred without the**
41 **transfer and the employees transferred to the authority remain members of the**
42 **system, the city shall not be required to make the payments otherwise required**
43 **by this Section.**

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46 AMENDMENT NO. 20

47 On page 27, line 10, delete "Section 2." and insert "Section 3."

48 AMENDMENT NO. 21

49 On page 28, line 9, delete "Section 3." and insert "Section 4." and after "implementation of
50 Section 1" insert "and 2"