

SENATE BILL NO. 6

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

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

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:1928.1, relative to reemployment of court reporters in the Parochial Employees' Retirement System; to provide with respect to contributions to the retirement system during the period of reemployment; to provide relative to disability retirees; to provide with respect to a critical shortage of skilled employees; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 11:1928.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1928.1. Employment of retired court reporters

A.(1) After the three-year period immediately following the effective date of his retirement, any retiree age sixty-five or older of this system who has been retired from service as a court reporter and who returns full-time to active service as a court reporter covered by the provisions of this Chapter shall not have his benefit suspended for the duration of his period of reemployment in such position.

(2) No member of this system who retires based on a disability shall return to service pursuant to the provisions of this Section. Disability retirees shall be governed by the provisions of this Chapter applicable to disability retirees.

B.(1) When any retired court reporter returns to active service pursuant to this Section with an employer covered by the provisions of this Chapter, the employing agency shall notify the board of trustees in writing within ten days

1 of the employment and the date on which employment began. Upon termination
2 of the reemployment, the employing agency shall also provide the board with
3 information and notice thereof in writing. In addition to the notice required by
4 this Subsection, the employing agency shall also report to the retirement system
5 within forty-five days after June thirtieth of each year the names of all retired
6 persons being paid by the employing agency, their social security numbers, and
7 the amounts of their earnings during the previous fiscal year ending June
8 thirtieth of the reporting year.

9 (2) Any employer who elects to reemploy a retired court reporter
10 pursuant to this Section shall submit to the system before September fifteenth
11 of each year of reemployment a declaration stating the employer's intent to
12 reemploy the court reporter pursuant to this Section. The declaration shall be
13 signed by the employer's authorized representative and the employee. If the
14 declaration is not received by the system by such date, the reemployed court
15 reporter shall be considered reemployed pursuant to the provisions of R.S.
16 11:1928.

17 (3) The chief judge of the employer shall certify to the retirement system
18 that a critical shortage of qualified court reporters exists. Prior to making the
19 certification for any full-time critical shortage position, the employer shall cause
20 to be advertised for thirty days in the official journal of the employer's
21 governing authority, notice that a critical shortage of skilled court reporters
22 exists and the positions sought to be filled and that no person applied.
23 Additionally, the employer shall cause notice to be posted at the career
24 development office, or such similar entity, of the regional office of the Louisiana
25 Workforce Commission.

26 C. The provisions of R.S. 11:1928 shall not be applicable to any retiree
27 reemployed pursuant to this Section.

28 D. Any employer who participates in the reemployment of any retired
29 court reporter pursuant to this Section shall pay the employer contribution to
30 the retirement system as provided by this Chapter.

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____