

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 48

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

RETIREMENT/SHERIFFS FUND: Provides relative to membership in the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2174(B)(1)(b)(introductory paragraph) and (3)(a) and to enact
3 R.S. 11:2173.1, 2174(B)(6), and 2178(O), relative to the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief
4 Fund; to provide relative to membership in the system; to provide relative to the
5 payment of employee and employer contributions; and to provide for 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. 11:2174(B)(1)(b)(introductory paragraph) and (3)(a) are hereby
11 amended and reenacted and R.S. 11:2173.1, 2174(B)(6), and 2178(O) are hereby enacted to
12 read as follows:

13 §2173.1. Employers' responsibilities

14 Each agency that employs a person who is required to be a member of this
15 fund under the provisions of R.S. 11:2174 or who is a member of this fund pursuant
16 to any other provision of law shall be subject to the laws, requirements, terms, and
17 conditions that apply to any sheriff in the sheriff's capacity as an employer
18 participating in the fund, including the provisions mandating the employer to remit
19 to the fund the amounts required to be deducted from the salaries of the members and

Present law requires employee and employer contributions to be remitted to the retirement system in accordance with present law for the funding of retirement benefits from a sheriff's general fund. Provides that if a sheriff fails to remit the employer contribution to the retirement system, the treasurer of the board of trustees is to notify the legislative auditor who shall order the depository to withhold the payment of checks to the sheriff's general fund.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires any other employer of a member to provide contributions from an appropriate funding source.

Proposed law allows a crier of the Supreme Court who may be a member of a different retirement system the ability to elect to become a member of the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund by Sept. 30, 2026.

Proposed law prohibits a person who receives a benefit under present law (R.S. 13:75) from being eligible to receive a benefit from the Sheriffs Pension and Relief Fund.

(Amends R.S. 11:2174(B)(1)(b)(intro. para.) and (3)(a); Adds R.S. 11:2173.1, 2174(B)(6), and 2178(O))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Provide each agency who employs a person participating in the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund is subject to all the provisions of present law that apply to any sheriff in the sheriff's capacity as an employer participating in the fund.
2. Allow a person who may be a member of a different retirement system the ability to elect to become a member of the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.
3. Prohibits someone who is receiving a benefit under the provision of present law.