
DIGEST

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HB 18 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to the election and terms of office for members of the board of trustees for the District Attorneys' Retirement System (DARS).

Present law provides that the board of trustees for DARS is composed of the following:

- (1) A member of the House Committee on Retirement.
- (2) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Retirement.
- (3) Six active and contributing members of the system elected by the members of the system.
- (4) Two retired members of the system elected by the retired members of the system.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law extends the terms of office for certain elected members of the DARS board of trustees such that the terms of two members expire on Aug. 14, 2027, the terms of two members expire on Aug. 14, 2029, the terms of two members expire on Aug. 14, 2030, and the terms of two members expire on Aug. 14, 2031. Provides that their successors are elected for a term of five years.

Present law provides that a vacancy is filled in the same manner as the office was filled.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that if a vacancy occurs in the office of an elected trustee and the unexpired terms is less than two years, the board shall fill the vacancy by appointment within 90 days for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(Amends R.S. 11:1651(C) and (D); Adds R.S. 11:1651(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Remove the requirement that the board of trustees adopt rules to administer trustee elections.

2. Make technical changes.