

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 456

BY SENATOR TALBOT

JUDGES. Provides for the compensation of assigned retired judges. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1384(A) and to enact R.S. 11:551(C), (D), and (E) and
3 566(C), relative to assigned retired judges; to provide for membership eligibility in
4 a retirement system; to provide for irrevocable elections; to provide for methods of
5 compensation; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 11:1384(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 11:551(C),
9 (D), and (E) and 566(C) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §551. Eligibility for membership

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12 **C. The provisions of Subsection B of this Section shall not be applicable**
13 **to the provisions of R.S. 11:566 or 1384 concerning retired judges serving on**
14 **assignment.**

15 **D. For purposes of this Subpart, "membership in one of the state**
16 **systems" shall mean and include the initial date the judge or court officer**
17 **became a member in any public retirement system, plan, or fund.**

1 E. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any member
 2 subject to the provisions of this Subpart shall be authorized to make an
 3 irrevocable election within thirty days of employment for their membership
 4 service, retirement eligibility and benefits, and contributions to be limited to
 5 that of a regular member of this system. Any election pursuant to this
 6 Subsection shall be made on forms promulgated by the system for this purpose.

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8 §566. Assigned judges

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10 C. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
 11 supreme court may elect to apply the provisions of R.S. 11:1384 to
 12 appointments made pursuant to this Section or under its inherent constitutional
 13 authority.

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15 §1384. Assigned retired judges; optional method of compensation, expenses

16 A.(1) In lieu of the compensation established for assigned retired judges by
 17 R.S. 11:566 and R.S. 11:1351 through 1358, the supreme court may assign a retired
 18 judge to a court on a contractual or per diem basis. In such case, and notwithstanding
 19 any provision of R.S. 11:1381 ~~or 443~~ **or any other provision of law** to the contrary,
 20 the assigned retired judge shall be entitled to compensation, in addition to his
 21 retirement pay, in an amount equal to one-twentieth of the monthly salary of a judge
 22 of the court to which he is assigned for each day of service under such assignment,
 23 but not to exceed one hundred twenty working or judicial days in a fiscal year. In
 24 addition, such a judge shall be entitled to reimbursement of reasonable and necessary
 25 expenses incurred in the performance of such service. The assignment of a retired
 26 judge under this ~~section~~ **Section** shall not result in the **suspension or** termination of
 27 his pension or retirement status as provided by R.S. 11:1381 **or any other provision**
 28 **of law.**

29 **(2) The supreme court may set the compensation payable to an assigned**

constitutional authority.

Proposed law provides for the supreme court to elect to apply specific compensation provisions to an assigned retired judge.

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

(Amends R.S. 11:1384(A); adds R.S. 11:551(C), (D), and (E) and 566(C))