

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1017

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER

RETIREMENT/FIREFIGHTERS: Prohibits certain post-divorce earnable compensation in the Firefighters' Retirement System from being included in a former spouse's portion of community property

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 11:2256.5, relative to retirement benefits received from the Firefighters'  
3 Retirement System; to provide with respect to the calculation of the community  
4 portion of such benefits; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related  
5 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. 11:2256.5 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §2256.5. Benefits; community portion

12 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any increase in a  
13 member's earnable compensation that occurs following termination of a community  
14 of acquets and gains and that was conditioned on the member's passage of both a  
15 written examination and a working test shall not be included in the calculation of a  
16 former spouse's portion of community property.

17 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
18 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
19 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

- 1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
2 effective on the day following such approval.
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## DIGEST

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HB 1017 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Prohibits inclusion of certain post-divorce earnable compensation in an ex-spouses's portion of a retirement benefit from the Firefighters' Retirement System (FRS).

Present law, relative to FRS, defines "earnable compensation" as the full amount of compensation earned by an employee on a regular tour of duty, including supplemental pay paid by the state, but not overtime.

Present law further provides that a member's benefit calculation is based on the average of the highest three years of earnable compensation.

Proposed law provides that any increase in a member's earnable compensation that occurs following termination of a community of acquets and gains and that was conditional on the member's passage of both a written examination and a working test shall not be included in the calculation of a former spouse's portion of community property.

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

(Adds R.S. 11:2256.3)