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DIGEST

SB 455 Re-Reengrossed 2026 Regular Session Talbot

Proposed law provides for the submission of a plan for any district court or parish court to allow their employees to become members of the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana.

Present law provides the specific conditions used by the board of trustees to approve a plan or any amended plan. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law stipulates that a plan must cover all services performed for the entity and extend benefits to all of its employees. Proposed law creates an exception for district court or parish court employees which would allow the board to approve plans even if they do not provide coverage for all services or employees.

Proposed law allows for certain prior district court or parish court employees to make an irrevocable election to join the system if they are currently in another public retirement plan, have not yet retired or used the deferred retirement option plan, and have not previously exercised an irrevocable election to remain a member of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System for the same employment. The system is required to provide all necessary forms for this election.

Proposed law specifies that no person who transfers service credit to the system has the right to execute a reverse transfer.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 11:1903(B)(2); adds R.S. 11:1903(A)(5) and (H))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill

1. Make technical changes.

Senate Floor Amendments to reengrossed bill

1. Requires that an employee who has not previously exercised an irrevocable election to remain a member of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System in order to make an irrevocable election to join the Parochial Employees' Retirement System.

2. Makes technical changes.