

SENATE BILL NO. 455

BY SENATOR TALBOT

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1903(B)(2) and to enact R.S. 11:1903(A)(5) and (H), relative
3 to the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana; to provide for a district
4 court or parish court; to provide for membership; to provide for irrevocable
5 elections; to provide for transfer credits; 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. 11:1903(B)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
9 11:1903(A)(5) and (H) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1903. Admission of certain entities as employers

11 A. The following entities may submit, for approval by the board of trustees,
12 a plan for extending the benefits of this Chapter to employees of the entity:

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14 **(5) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any district**
15 **court or parish court in the state.**

16 B. Each such plan or any amendment thereof shall be approved by the board
17 of trustees if it finds that such plan, or such plan as amended, is in conformity with
18 regulations of the board of trustees, except that no such plan shall be approved
19 unless:

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21 **(2)(a) ~~It~~ Except as provided for in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph,**
22 **it** covers all services which are performed in the employ of the entity, by any
23 employees thereof, and it extends benefits to all employees of the entity.

24 **(b) The board may approve the plan of an entity provided for in**
25 **Paragraph (A)(5) of this Section that does not cover all services performed in**
26 **the employ of the entity and does not extend benefits to all employees of the**
27 **entity.**

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2 H.(1) Any employee of an entity provided for in Paragraph (A)(5) of this

3 Section hired before the employer extended the benefits of this Chapter to its

4 employees may make an irrevocable election to become a member of the system

5 if that employee is enrolled in another public retirement system covering the

6 same employment, has not participated in the deferred retirement option plan

7 of, or retired from, that other system, and has not previously exercised an

8 irrevocable election to remain a member of the Louisiana State Employees'

9 Retirement System pursuant to R.S. 11:160 through 417 for the same

10 employment. The system shall produce all necessary forms for this purpose.

11 (2) Any employee who makes a timely election to join this system

12 pursuant to this Subsection has the same rights as any other system member to

13 enter into a reciprocal recognition agreement pursuant to R.S. 11:142 or

14 transfer service credit pursuant to R.S. 11:143, provided however, that no

15 person who transfers service credit to this system shall have the right to execute

16 a reverse transfer pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 11:143(F)(1).

17 Section 2. The provisions of R.S. 11:1903 shall authorize approval of any district or

18 parish court covering designated classes of employees even if other positions paid with funds

19 of the court are required by law to be members of other public retirement systems. Any

20 member currently enrolled in another public retirement system shall be given until January

21 1, 2027, to make an irrevocable election to become a member of the Parochial Employees'

22 Retirement System of Louisiana or remain a member of their prior system.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____