

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 95

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

RETIREMENT/LOCAL: Provides for a minimum contribution by the city of New Orleans to the city firefighters' pension and relief fund

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:3361, relative to the city of New Orleans, to provide for a  
3 minimum payment by the city to the Firefighters' Pension and Relief Fund in the city  
4 of New Orleans; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
6 as provided by Article III, Section 13 and Article X, Section  
7 29(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 11:3361 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §3361. Creation of Firefighters' Pension and Relief Fund; contributions by city

11 A pension and relief fund for firefighters in the city of New Orleans is  
12 created. For the purpose of augmenting the fund, the city shall pay into the fund  
13 annually one percent of the revenues derived from all licenses issued by the city,  
14 except the drivers and chauffeurs licenses, and an annual appropriation in the budget  
15 of the city of ~~a sum equal to~~ not less than both of the following: five percent of the  
16 money annually appropriated by the city for the operation and maintenance of the  
17 fire department of the city and thirteen million dollars. The latter appropriation,  
18 within the limits prescribed, shall be determined by the council each year in making  
19 up its annual budget. The appropriation and donations by the city ~~aforsaid~~ shall be  
20 set apart by the treasurer of the city and paid over to the board of trustees of the

1 Firefighters' Pension and Relief Fund as the annual contribution of the city to the  
2 fund. The word "firefighter" as designated in this Part is defined as any individual  
3 employed by the fire department of the city of New Orleans who is actively engaged  
4 in the extinguishing of fires. Notwithstanding any provision of this Part to the  
5 contrary, any uniformed member of the fire suppression division of the fire  
6 department of the city of New Orleans, who occupied the position of firefighter in  
7 the classified civil service of the city of New Orleans for at least ten years, and who,  
8 because of physical disability, selects to transfer from the fire suppression division  
9 to the fire administration division of the fire department of the city of New Orleans,  
10 may continue to participate in the pension and relief fund for firefighters in the city  
11 of New Orleans, unless the board determines that such continued employment is  
12 detrimental to the health and safety of other employees.

13 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2015, or on the effective  
14 date of a cooperative endeavor agreement as authorized by R.S. 11:3363(G) that is entered  
15 into and funded in accordance with law, whichever is later.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for a minimum contribution by the city of New Orleans to the Firefighters' Pension and Relief Fund in the city of New Orleans.

Present law creates a pension and relief fund for firefighters in the city of New Orleans. Requires the city shall pay into the fund annually 1% of the revenues derived from licenses issued by the city, except the drivers and chauffeurs licenses. Further requires an appropriation of not less than 5% of the money appropriated by the city for the operation and maintenance of the fire department of the city. Proposed law provides that such additional appropriation shall not be less than \$13 million.

Effective January 1, 2015, or on the effective date of a cooperative endeavor agreement as authorized by present law, whichever is later.

(Amends R.S. 11:3361)