2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 48

BY REPRESENTATIVE THIBAUT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

RETIREMENT/ASSESSORS: Provides relative to the authority of the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund to fund cost-of-living increases with funding deposit account balances

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 11:107.1(D), relative to funding deposit accounts established
3	within certain statewide retirement systems; to provide relative to authorized uses of
4	account funds; and to provide for related matters.
5	Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
6	as provided by Article X, Section 29(C) of the Constitution
7	of Louisiana.
8	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
9	Section 1. R.S. 11:107.1(D) is hereby amended and enacted to read as follows:
10	§107.1. Funding deposit account
11	* * *
12	D.(1) Beginning with the first valuation on or after December 31, 2008, the
13	board of trustees of each system may in any fiscal year direct that funds from the
14	account be charged for the following purposes:
15	(1)(a) To reduce the unfunded accrued liability as prescribed in this Subpart.
16	(2)(b) To reduce the present value of future normal costs for systems using
17	an aggregate funding method.
18	(3)(c) To pay all or a portion of any future net direct employer contributions.

1	(2) In addition to the authority granted pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this
2	Subsection, the Assessors' Retirement Fund may use funding deposit account
3	balances to provide for cost-of-living increases.
4	* * *
5	Section 2. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2015; if vetoed by the
6	governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on
7	June 30, 2015, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the board of trustees of the La. Assessors' Retirement Fund (ASSR) to fund cost-of-living increases from amounts accumulated in the system's Funding Deposit Account.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 11:105 - 107) authorizes certain statewide retirement systems to modify employer contribution rates in certain circumstances. While specific authorizations differ by system, generally the systems are given the authority to:

- (1) Hold employer contribution rates at last year's higher level.
- (2) Set the employer contribution rate up to 3% above the recommended rate.
- (3) Set the employer contribution rate somewhere between the new lower rate and last year's higher rate.

Further requires that any monies collected from such increase be used in the following order:

- (1) Pay down system UAL.
- (2) Decrease employer contribution rates.

Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 11:107.1) establishes a funding deposit account within each of the following retirement systems:

- (1) Assessors' Retirement
- (2) Clerks' of Court
- (3) Municipal Employees'
- (4) Parochial Employees'
- (5) Registrars of Voters'

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CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

Funds collected through exercise of <u>present law</u> authority to increase employer contribution rates are deposited into these funding deposit accounts. <u>Present law</u> authorizes the named systems to use funds in their account to pay system UAL or decrease employer contribution rates. <u>Proposed law</u> retains present law.

<u>Proposed law</u> grants ASSR additional authority to fund cost-of-living increases with funding deposit account balances.

Effective June 30, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 11:107.1(D))