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2017 Regular Session

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HOUSE BILL NO. 106

BY REPRESENTATIVE POPE

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

INSURANCE/GROUP-SHERIFFS: Provides for group insurance benefits for the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office

AN ACT

2	To enact R.S. 13:5554(FF), relative to the qualification for certain group insurance benefits
3	for the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office; to require service with the sheriff's office
4	for a certain period of time; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 13:5554(FF) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
7	§5554. Group insurance; kinds; amounts; subrogation
8	* * *
9	FF. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, the
10	sheriff of Livingston Parish shall pay out of the sheriff's general fund the premium
11	costs of group insurance for any retired sheriff and any retired deputy sheriff who
12	retires from the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office as follows:
13	(1) For any sheriff or deputy sheriff hired before July 1, 2017, the provisions
14	of Paragraph (G)(1) of this Section shall apply.
15	(2) For any sheriff or deputy sheriff hired on and after July 1, 2017, the
16	premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance and
17	the first ten thousand dollars of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of
18	this Section shall be paid in full from the sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and
19	deputy sheriffs who are at least fifty-five years of age and who retire with at least
20	twenty years of continuous and creditable service with the Livingston Parish Sheriff's

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Office, or who are any age and who retire with at least thirty years of continuous and

creditable service with the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the sheriff and deputy sheriffs of Livingston Parish to have at least 20 years of continuous and creditable service with the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office in order to qualify for the payment of certain group insurance benefits when retiring.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance and the first \$10,000 of life insurance shall be paid in full from the Livingston Parish sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs of Livingston Parish who retired with at least 15 years of service who are at least 55 years of age or retired with at least 30 years of service at any age.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds the requirement that a sheriff or deputy sheriff hired on and after July 1, 2017, have continuous and creditable service with the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office for at least 20 years.

(Adds R.S. 13:5554(FF))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the <u>original</u> bill:

1. Changes the required number of continuous and creditable years of service <u>from</u> 15 years to 20 years.