

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 298

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUSTIN MILLER

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

SHERIFFS: Provides relative to payment of insurance premiums for certain sheriffs and deputy sheriffs of the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5554(P), relative to sheriffs; to provide relative to retiree
3 health benefits; to provide for group insurance premiums for the sheriff and sheriff
4 deputies of St. Landry Parish; to provide certain criteria; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:5554(P) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §5554. Group insurance; kinds; amounts; subrogation

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10 P. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, ~~in the~~
11 ~~parish of St. Landry, one hundred percent of the premium costs of group hospital,~~
12 ~~surgical, and medical expense insurance and the first ten thousand dollars of life~~
13 ~~insurance contracted for under the provisions of this Section shall be paid from the~~
14 ~~sheriff's general fund for any sheriff or full-time deputy sheriff who has retired from~~
15 ~~the St. Landry Parish sheriff's office and who is entitled to receive monthly benefits~~
16 ~~from the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund and who has either of the following: the~~
17 ~~sheriff of St. Landry Parish shall pay out of the sheriff's general fund the premium~~
18 ~~cost of group insurance for any sheriff or full-time deputy sheriff who has retired~~
19 ~~from the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office and who is entitled to receive monthly~~
20 ~~benefits from the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund as follows:~~

retired from the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office and is entitled to receive monthly benefits from the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund and has either of the following:

- (1) At least 12 years of full-time service with the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office and is at least 55 years of age.
- (2) At least 30 years of full-time service with the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office, regardless of age.

Proposed law retains present law relative to persons hired on or before July 1, 2019.

For persons hired after July 1, 2019, proposed law adds dental insurance premiums to the list of premiums that are required to be paid from the sheriff's general fund. Further provides that in order to receive the present and proposed law benefits, the sheriff or deputy sheriff shall retire with either of the following:

- (1) At least 15 years of continuous full-time service with the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office and is at least 65 years of age.
- (2) At least 30 years of continuous full-time service with the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office and is at least 55 years of age.

(Amends R.S. 13:5554(P))