

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 288 (HB 14)**

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Existing law authorizes anyone who is employed by a parish, municipality, or fire protection district that provides its employees coverage under the federal Social Security program to choose not to become a member of Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (MPERS) or Firefighters' Retirement System (FRS) as applicable. Requires any employee who elects not to become a member to file with the retirement system an affidavit stating his election not to be a member.

For MPERS only, new law provides that any employee who is employed on July 1, 2019, by an employer that entered an agreement to cover its employees under social security after June 30, 1973, and before Jan. 1, 1990, and who is not a member of the retirement system on July 1, 2019, shall become a member of the retirement system unless the employee executes the affidavit provided for in existing law.

Existing law requires a member who wishes to rejoin the system while employed by the same parish, municipality, or fire protection district to repay his refunded employee contributions with interest. New law prohibits a person from rejoining FRS or MPERS while he is employed by the same employer or any other employer whose employees are covered under the federal Social Security program.

New law further provides that an employee who chooses not to be a member and who returns to work for an employer that does not provide coverage under the federal Social Security program may join the system but may not purchase service credit for the period of time that he chose not to be a member.

New law authorizes the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, for purposes of membership verification, to provide FRS and MPERS with the name, address, and social security number of each recipient of state supplemental pay.

Effective August 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 11:157(A) and (C); Adds R.S. 11:157(D))