
DIGEST

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HB 28 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to benefits of a child or children with a disability in the Firefighters' Retirement System.

Present law provides that a surviving eligible spouse may designate a portion of a deceased member's benefit to a child or children with a permanent mental or physical disability.

Proposed law requires the surviving eligible spouse to make the designation within 30 days following the death of the member.

Present law provides that if a surviving spouse irrevocably designates a child with a disability to receive a benefit, the benefit continues unless the disabling condition is medically determined to not be permanent.

Proposed law removes the condition that the disability be medically determined to not be permanent. Allows the benefit to continue for the life of the child.

(Amends R.S. 11:2256(H)(1)(a) and (2)(b))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Retirement to the original bill:

1. Removes provision requiring when benefits are to be paid to a child with a disability.
2. Adds a time frame for when a surviving eligible spouse has to designate a child or children with a permanent mental or physical disability to receive a portion of a deceased member's benefit.