

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 31

BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

RETIREMENT/MUNICIPAL POL: Authorizes certain municipalities to terminate participation in the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 11:157.1, relative to the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System; to  
3 provide relative to termination of employer participation in the system; to provide  
4 relative to contributions; to provide relative to benefits; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
7 as provided by Article X, Section 29(C) of the Constitution  
8 of Louisiana.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 11:157.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §157.1. Termination of employer participation in the Municipal Police Employees'  
12 Retirement System

13 A. Notwithstanding R.S. 11:157, or any other provision of law to the  
14 contrary, any municipality with a population not exceeding five thousand according  
15 to the latest federal decennial census may, upon adoption of a termination resolution  
16 by the governing authority, make an irrevocable election to terminate participation  
17 in the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System.

18 B. A municipality that elects to terminate participation pursuant to  
19 Subsection A of this Section shall provide each of the following:

1           (1) Written notification to the retirement system of termination of  
2           participation at least thirty days prior to the effective date of the termination  
3           resolution.

4           (2) Written notification of nonparticipation in the retirement system to any  
5           new employee on or before the date of his hiring.

6           C. Beginning on the effective date of the termination resolution, the  
7           municipality shall not enroll employees hired on or after the effective date of the  
8           termination resolution in the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System and  
9           employer and employee contributions shall not be paid to the retirement system for  
10          such employees.

11          D. Any person who meets the definition of "employee", as defined in R.S.  
12          11:2213, on or before the termination resolution effective date, shall remain a  
13          member of the retirement system.

14          E. The termination resolution shall become effective sixty days after the date  
15          on which the governing authority adopts the termination resolution.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the termination of employer participation in the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System.

Present law provides that any person who becomes an employee as defined in present law on or after Sept. 9, 1977, is a member of the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (MPERS) as a condition of his employment.

Present law provides that an employee, as defined in present law, who is employed with an employer covered by the federal Social Security program may elect to not participate in the retirement system. Provides that the employer must still enroll the officer, and the officer is a member of MPERS until the employee executes and files an affidavit with the retirement system stating his election not to participate. Provides that the election to not participate is irrevocable. Provides that upon election the employee's contributions are refunded without any interest earned.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law allows a municipality with a population of 5,000 or less the ability to terminate participation in MPERS upon adoption of a termination resolution by the municipality's governing authority.

Proposed law provides that any municipality choosing to terminate participation must provide each of the following:

- (1) Written notification to MPERS of termination of participation at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the resolution.
- (2) Written notification of nonparticipation in MPERS to any new employee on or before the date of his hiring.

Proposed law provides that the municipality shall not enroll employees hired on or after the effective date of the termination resolution in MPERS and no employer or employee contributions are to be paid to MPERS for such employees.

Proposed law provides that employees currently in the retirement system are to remain members of the system.

Proposed law provides that the effective date of the termination resolution is 60 days from the date of adoption by the municipality's governing authority.

(Adds R.S. 11:157.1)