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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)