

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 18

BY SENATOR PRICE

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE RET. Clarifies the termination date for certain exceptions relative to retirement benefit of retirees who return to part-time employment in a position covered by the system. (8/1/26)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1762(A) and to repeal Section 2 of Act 634 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature relative to retirees who return to part-time employment in a position covered by the Municipal Employees' Retirement System; to provide for retirement benefits under certain conditions; to provide for the termination date of certain provisions; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 11:1762(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1762. Part-time reemployment of retirees

A.(1)(a) Whenever a retiree receiving normal retirement benefits becomes reemployed by an employer but the retiree does not meet the definition of an employee and ~~either~~ his monthly earnings are equal to or less than the difference between his monthly average final compensation and his monthly retirement benefit ~~or the retiree has more than thirty years of creditable service and is at least age sixty,~~ his retirement benefits shall continue without any reduction, **his retirement benefits shall continue,** and the retiree shall not be a member of the system.

1 **(b) Until June 30, 2028, whenever a retiree receiving normal retirement**
2 **benefits becomes reemployed by an employer but the retiree does not meet the**
3 **definition of an employee and the retiree has more than thirty years of**
4 **creditable service and is at least age sixty, his retirement benefits shall continue**
5 **without any reduction, and the retiree shall not be a member of the system.**

6 (2)(a) Whenever a retiree ~~who has thirty years or less of creditable service~~
7 ~~and who is~~ receiving normal retirement benefits becomes reemployed by an
8 employer but the retiree does not meet the definition of an employee and his monthly
9 earnings exceed the difference between his monthly average final compensation and
10 his monthly retirement benefit, his retirement benefits shall be reduced by the
11 amount that his monthly earnings exceed the difference between his monthly average
12 final compensation and his monthly retirement benefit for every month of such
13 employment, and the retiree shall not be a member of the system. The calculation of
14 monthly earnings shall not include income attributable to service as a part-time
15 elected official listed in R.S. 11:164.

16 **(b) Notwithstanding any provision of Paragraph (2)(a) of this Subsection,**
17 **until June 30, 2028, whenever a retiree receiving normal retirement benefits**
18 **becomes reemployed by an employer but the retiree does not meet the definition**
19 **of an employee and the retiree has more than thirty years of creditable service**
20 **and is at least age sixty, his retirement benefits shall continue without any**
21 **reduction, and the retiree shall not be a member of the system.**

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23 Section 2. Section 2 of Act 634 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature is
24 hereby repealed.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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Present law provides for exceptions allowing qualifying retirees of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (MERS), at least age 60 with 30 years of creditable service, to return to employment without a benefit reduction. Proposed law provides the exceptions terminate on June 30, 2028.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 11:1762(A); repeals Section 2 of Act 634 of the 2024 R.S.)