

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 48

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

RETIREMENT/SHERIFFS FUND: Provides relative to membership in the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2174(B)(1)(b)(introductory paragraph) and (3)(a), relative to
3 the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund; to provide relative to membership in the
4 system; to provide relative to the payment of employee and employer contributions;
5 and to provide for related 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. 11:2174(B)(1)(b)(introductory paragraph) and (3)(a) are hereby
11 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §2174. Remittance of percentage of taxes collected to fund; membership; salary
13 deductions; deficiency in fund; credit

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15 B. Membership. (1)

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17 (b) Each deputy, including the criminal and civil deputies of the parish of
18 Orleans, and the criers of the several divisions of the Civil District Court for the
19 parish of Orleans and the Louisiana Supreme Court who, on the date of the filing of
20 the application to become a member, is age eighteen or over shall become a member

1 of this fund, provided that his monthly salary including state supplemental pay is not
2 less than the following:

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4 (3)(a) The percentage specified in R.S. 11:62(9) of the salaries of all
5 members of the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund shall be deducted and a remittance
6 covering such deductions, together with the percentage determined in accordance
7 with R.S. 11:103 of the total of the participating members' salaries, including for
8 sheriffs the expense allowance provided by law in addition to regular salary, to be
9 paid from the sheriff's general fund or from the appropriate funding source of the
10 employer of the member, shall be made monthly to the treasurer of the board. In the
11 event of the failure of any sheriff or other employer of any member to make such
12 deductions and remittances, the treasurer of the board shall notify the legislative
13 auditor who shall order the depository to withhold payment of the checks of the
14 sheriff's general fund or any available funding source of the employer until the
15 remittance is made.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to membership in the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.

Present law provides that each sheriff, including criminal and civil sheriffs, are members of the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.

Present law provides that the following become members of the retirement system if they are 18 or older and their salary is more than a specified amount as provided in present law:

- (1) Each deputy, including the criminal and civil deputies of the parish of Orleans.
- (2) The criers of the several divisions of the Civil District Courts for the parish of Orleans.

Proposed law retains present law and adds criers of the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Present law requires employee and employer contributions to be remitted to the retirement system in accordance with present law for the funding of retirement benefits from a sheriff's

general fund. Provides that if a sheriff fails to remit the employer contribution to the retirement system, the treasurer of the board of trustees is to notify the legislative auditor who shall order the depository to withhold the payment of checks to the sheriff's general fund.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires any other employer of a member to provide contributions from an appropriate funding source.

(Amends R.S. 11:2174(B)(1)(b)(intro. para.) and (3)(a))