

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 50

BY REPRESENTATIVE PEARSON

RETIREMENT/LOCAL: Provides relative to employee contributions in the Firefighters' Pension and Relief Fund in the city of New Orleans

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:3363(B), relative to the Firefighters' Pension and Relief Fund
3 in the city of New Orleans; to provide relative to assessments by the board of
4 trustees; to repeal provisions relative to exemptions from such assessments; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
7 as provided by Article III, Section 13 and Article X, Section
8 29(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 11:3363(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

11 §3363. Powers of board; assessment of members; determination of applications for
12 benefits

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14 B. The board shall assess each member of the fire department not less than
15 ~~six~~ ten percent of his salary, to be deducted monthly, the same to be placed by the
16 secretary-treasurer to the credit of the fund subject to the orders of the board. ~~Any~~
17 ~~member who has accrued twenty years of service shall no longer have the above~~
18 ~~salary deductions collected monthly out of his salary nor shall he be liable therefor.~~

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1 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be implemented as follows:

2 (A) For members with less than twenty years of service on the effective date of this
3 Act:

4 (1) Beginning January 1, 2014, and continuing through December 31, 2014, the
5 assessment levied by the board shall be 8%.

6 (2) Beginning January 1, 2015, and continuing through December 31, 2015, the
7 assessment levied by the board shall be 10%.

8 (B) For members with twenty years of service or more on the effective date of this
9 Act:

10 (1) Beginning January 1, 2014, and continuing through December 31, 2014, the
11 assessment levied by the board shall be 3.33%.

12 (2) Beginning January 1, 2015, and continuing through December 31, 2015, the
13 assessment levied by the board shall be 6.66%.

14 (3) Beginning January 1, 2016, and continuing through December 31, 2016, the
15 assessment levied by the board shall be 10%.

16 Section 3. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2014.

DIGEST

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Pearson

HB No. 50

Abstract: Changes the minimum employee contribution rate for the Firefighters' Pension and Relief Fund in New Orleans from 6% to 10% and repeals the provision exempting employees with 20 or more years of service from having to make employee contributions.

Present law provides for a pension and relief fund for firefighters in the city of New Orleans. Provides for a board of trustees to control and manage the fund. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that each member of the system must contribute at least 6% of his salary each month to the retirement system. Proposed law changes this minimum employee contribution amount from 6% to 10%.

Present law provides that any member who has accrued 20 years of service is exempt from the required contribution. Proposed law repeals present law, making the required contribution applicable to such members.

Proposed law phases-in the board assessments against employee salaries, as follows:

- (1) For employees with less than 20 years of service on the effective date of the Act:
 - (i) From Jan. 1, 2014, until Dec. 31, 2014, the assessment shall be 8%.
 - (ii) From Jan. 1, 2015, until Dec. 31, 2015, the assessment shall be 10%.
- (2) For employees with 20 or more years of service on the effective date of the Act:
 - (i) From Jan. 1, 2014, until Dec. 31, 2014, the assessment shall be 3.33%.
 - (ii) From Jan. 1, 2015, until Dec. 31, 2015, the assessment shall be 6.66%.
 - (iii) From Jan. 1, 2016, until Dec. 31, 2016, the assessment shall be 10%.

Effective Jan. 1, 2013.

(Amends R.S. 11:3363(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Retirement to the original bill.

1. Adds provisions phasing-in the increased assessment by the board provided for in proposed law.