The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by James Benton.

DIGEST

Morrish (SB 331)

<u>Present law</u> requires the sheriffs of certain parishes pay 100% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and life insurance from the sheriff's general fund for any retired sheriff or deputy sheriff entitled to receive benefits from the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund and who is at least 55 years of age and has 15 years of full-time service or has 30 years of full-time service, regardless of age.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that <u>present law</u> shall apply to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs of Acadia Parish who are eligible to retire and meet certain requirements on or before June 30, 2014.

<u>Proposed law</u> regarding Acadia parish requires the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and medical expense insurance, and the first \$10,000 of life insurance to be paid by the sheriff from the sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who first become eligible to retire and subsequently retire on or after July 1, 2014, as follows:

- (1) 50% with at least 20 years of continuous service with the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office and who has attained the age of 55 years.
- (2) 100% with at least 30 years of creditable service with 20 of those years as continuous service with the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office, regardless of age.

Effective January 1, 2015.

(Adds R.S. 13:5554(G)(3))