

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 331 By Senator Morrish

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

SHERIFFS. Provides to the payment of insurance premiums for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs of the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office. (gov sig)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Adds provision that for retirement under current law for sheriffs and deputy sheriff's who retired on or before December 31 2014.
2. Changes date from July 1, 2014 to June 1, 2015 for eligibility under proposed law.
3. Adds emergency effective date.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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Present law 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 at least 30 years of full-time service, regardless of age.

Proposed law retains these provisions for sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in Acadia parish who retired on or before December 31, 2014. Provides that if a sheriff or deputy sheriff meets these eligibility on or before June 30, 2014, then he may retire at any time with benefits as provided in present law.

Proposed law provides that as to Acadia parish, the sheriff is to pay out of the sheriff's general fund the premium costs of group insurance for any sheriff or deputy sheriff who is eligible to receive benefits from the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund, as follows:

- (a) 50% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and medical expense insurance and the first \$10,000 of life insurance if the sheriff or deputy sheriff has attained the age of 55 and has 20 or more years of full-time continuous service with the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office.
- (b) 100% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and medical expense insurance contracted and the first \$10,000 of life insurance if the sheriff or deputy sheriff has completed 30 years or more of full-time creditable service with 20 years of continuous service with the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office, regardless of age.

Proposed law applies provisions in (a) or (b), above, to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who retire on or after January 1, 2015;

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

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

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