

Prior law required 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.

New 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 prior law.

New 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:

- (1) 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.
- (2) 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.

New law applies provisions in (1) or (12b), above, to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who retire on or after January 1, 2015.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 18, 2014).

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