

ACT No. 19

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 11

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARRAS

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 11:1441(E), relative to benefits for surviving spouses from the Assessors'
3 Retirement Fund; to provide for Back-Deferred Retirement Option Program benefits
4 payable to surviving spouses of members of the fund under certain circumstances;
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. 11:1441(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §1441. Surviving spouse's benefit

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13 E. If an active, contributing member dies and meets the eligibility
14 requirements provided in R.S. 11:1456.1(B) on the day of his death and the member's
15 surviving spouse is eligible for benefits payable pursuant to Subsection C of this
16 Section, which are equal to the Option 2 benefits provided for in R.S. 11:1423, the
17 surviving spouse may elect to receive such benefits in the same manner as described
18 in R.S. 11:1456.1, as if the member had retired on the day following the member's
19 death and elected Back-Deferred Retirement Option Program benefits, and for a
20 Back-DROP period selected by the surviving spouse which shall not exceed the
21 duration limitations included in R.S. 11:1456.1(C). The surviving spouse shall make
22 the elections provided for in this Subsection at the time he applies for survivor
23 benefits.

1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____