

ACT No. 536

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 15

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2213(11)(a)(iii) and 2220(A)(2)(a) and to enact R.S.
3 11:2213(11)(i) and (j), 2214.1, 2220(A)(4), and 2241.4(A)(4), relative to the
4 Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System; to provide for eligibility for
5 retirement; to provide relative to benefits of certain retirees; to provide for
6 termination of membership of certain elected officials; to provide for definitions; to
7 authorize certain reemployment of retirees without benefit suspension; to provide for
8 payment of contributions; and to provide for related matters.

9 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
10 as provided by Article X, Section 29(C) of the Constitution
11 of Louisiana.

12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

13 Section 1. R.S. 11:2213(11)(a)(iii) and 2220(A)(2)(a) are hereby amended and
14 reenacted and R.S. 11:2213(11)(i) and (j), 2214.1, 2220(A)(4), and 2241.4(A)(4) are hereby
15 enacted to read as follows:

16 §2213. Definitions

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18 (11) "Employee" shall mean any of the following classifications:

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21 (iii) Any person ~~in a position as defined in the municipal fire and police civil~~
22 ~~service system~~ who is employed on a full-time basis by a police department of any

1 time after the termination of his membership in this system regardless of whether he
2 terminates the employment that made him eligible for membership.

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4 §2220. Benefits; contribution limit

5 A. Eligibility for normal retirement, early retirement, and limitations.

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7 (2)(a)(i) ~~Regardless~~ Except as provided by Item (ii) of this Subparagraph,
8 regardless of age, if a retiree of this system becomes an employee as defined in R.S.
9 11:2213, payment of retirement benefits shall be suspended and the employee and
10 employer shall contribute to the system toward creditable service.

11 (ii) The benefits of a retiree of the system who retires as a police officer
12 during the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2026, and who, no
13 sooner than ninety days following the date of his retirement, is first employed as an
14 employee under R.S. 11:2213(11)(a)(iii) shall not be suspended if the retiree
15 irrevocably elects not to receive additional service credit or accrue any additional
16 retirement benefit in the retirement system. Such election shall be in writing and
17 filed with the board of trustees within thirty days after the effective date of the
18 retiree's employment. During such employment, the retiree and his employer shall
19 make contributions to the retirement system as provided by this Chapter. Upon
20 termination of employment as an employee under R.S. 11:2213(11)(a)(iii), employee
21 contributions paid since reemployment shall, upon application, be refunded without
22 interest, to the retiree. The retirement system shall retain the employer contributions
23 and interest on the contributions.

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25 (4)(a) The retirement benefit of a retiree of this system who retired on or
26 before January 1, 2024, and who, before July 1, 2028, becomes an employee, as
27 defined by R.S. 11:2213, no sooner than ninety days following the effective date of
28 his retirement shall not be suspended as otherwise required by Paragraph (2) of this

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: _____