

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 154

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD

RETIREMENT/LOCAL: Provides for an increase in the accrual rate from 2.5% to 3-1/3% for members of the Firefighters' Pension and Relief Fund in the city of New Orleans (NOFF)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:3384(B), relative to the Firefighters' Pension and Relief Fund
3 in the city of New Orleans; to increase the accrual rate for the calculation of
4 retirement benefits; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
6 as provided by Article III, Section 13 and Article X, Section
7 29(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 11:3384(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §3384. Firefighters employed after December 31, 1967; computation of benefits

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12 B. If the firefighter has worked one or more hours of creditable service after
13 December 31, 1995, he shall receive a retirement benefit equal to ~~two and one-half~~
14 three and one-third percent of his average compensation based on the four highest
15 consecutive years of employment, multiplied by the number of years of creditable
16 service. ~~If the member continues to remain a member of the system beyond twelve~~
17 ~~years of service and such member attains the age of fifty, the retirement benefit for~~
18 ~~each year or portion of a year beyond twelve years of service and after age fifty, shall~~
19 ~~be an amount equal to three and one-third percent of the average annual~~

1 compensation for each year or portion of a year. If the member continues service
 2 beyond thirty years, the retirement benefit for each year or portion of a year beyond
 3 twelve years of service shall be an amount equal to three and one-third percent of the
 4 average annual compensation for each year or portion of a year. However, the
 5 retirement benefit shall not exceed a total of three and one-third percent each year.
 6 The ~~service benefits~~ retirement benefit of such firefighter shall not exceed one
 7 hundred percent of the average compensation earned during ~~any three~~ the four
 8 highest ~~average~~ consecutive years of ~~service~~ employment preceding retirement.

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10 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2011; if vetoed by the governor
 11 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
 12 2011, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the accrual rate from 2.5% to 3-1/3% for every year of creditable service for members of the Firefighters' Pension and Relief Fund in the city of New Orleans (NOFF), regardless of age.

Present law provides for benefit calculation for members of NOFF hired after Dec. 31, 1967, who have worked one or more hours of service after Dec. 31, 1995. Provides that such members with less than 12 years of service accrue a retirement benefit at the rate of 2.5% of average compensation for every year of service. If membership in NOFF continues beyond 12 years of service and the member reaches age 50, his retirement benefit accrues at the rate of 3-1/3% for each year of service beyond 12 years and after age 50. Members with more than 30 years of service accrue a retirement benefit of 3-1/3% per year for every year of service beyond 12 years, regardless of the age at which the benefit was accrued.

Proposed law increases the accrual rate from 2.5% to 3-1/3% for every year of creditable service, regardless of age.

Effective July 1, 2011.

(Amends R.S. 11:3384(B))

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