



RESPONSE

LOUISIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Chuck Kleckley, Speaker of the House

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**Speaker Kleckley's response to ruling by 19th Judicial District Court
concerning constitutionality of state employee retirement plan**

I regret that the work done by the House and the entire legislature on behalf of our citizens was ruled unconstitutional today, but that is the nature of our democratic process.

We believe we found a better means of providing for retirement for future employees of our state while saving a retirement system from potential failure, and the majority of the legislature voted for it. Because this was a measure for future rather than current employees, we believed then – and still do – that the bill called for a simple majority vote. The judge ruled differently.

As this continues to make its way through the court system, we look forward to continuing to serve our citizens.

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