

## **House Committee on Retirement**

Minutes of Meeting  
2013 Regular Session  
April 25, 2013

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative J. Kevin Pearson, Chairman of the House Committee on Retirement, called the meeting to order at 11:16 AM in Room 4, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Nick Lorusso, Vice Chair  
Representative Frank A. Hoffmann  
Representative Paul Hollis  
Representative Barry Ivey  
Representative Sam Jones  
Representative Jack Montoucet  
Representative Edward J. Price  
Representative H. Eugene Reynolds  
Representative Alan Seabaugh  
Representative Kirk Talbot  
Representative Jeff R. Thompson

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative J. Kevin Pearson, Chairman

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Stephanie Little, Attorney  
Malerie Cacibauda, Secretary

#### **ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Amy Robinson, Sergeant at Arms  
Emma Norton, Page

### III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

#### **House Bill No. 35 by Representative Barrow**

Representative Barrow presented House Bill No. 35, which provides for retirement eligibility of employees of state hospitals under certain conditions.

A copy of witness cards of one person in opposition to the bill but not speaking and of persons who would provide information if requested is attached. (See Exhibit A.)

Representative Lorusso offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 35. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Lorusso, Hoffmann, Hollis, Montoucet, Seabaugh, Talbot, and Thompson voted yea.

#### **House Bill No. 53 by Representative Seabaugh**

Representative Seabaugh presented House Bill No. 53, which removes certain members from eligibility for membership in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana and provides for a refund of employee contributions to those members.

A copy of witness cards of one person in opposition to the bill but not speaking and of one person who would to provide information for the bill if requested is attached. (See Exhibit B.)

Representative Lorusso offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 53. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Lorusso, Hoffmann, Hollis, Montoucet, Seabaugh, Talbot, and Thompson voted yea.

#### **House Bill No. 61 by Representative Badon**

Representative Badon presented House Bill No. 61, which provides relative to the calculation of benefits for members of state and statewide retirement systems.

A copy of witness cards of persons in opposition to the bill but not speaking and of persons who would provide information if requested is attached. (See Exhibit C.)

Representative Lorusso offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 61. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Lorusso, Hoffmann, Hollis, Montoucet, Seabaugh, Talbot, and Thompson voted yea.

**House Bill No. 60 by Representative Talbot**

Representative Talbot presented House Bill No. 60, which prohibits certain members of state and statewide retirement systems who are reemployed after retirement from receiving retirement benefits or accruing additional benefits.

Representative Talbot offered for adoption an amendment in the form of a substitute bill to prohibit membership in the four state retirement systems for employees of nonpublic employers. Representative Talbot offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which Representative Jones objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Lorusso, Hoffmann, Hollis, Ivey, Seabaugh, Talbot, and Thompson voted yea. Representatives Jones, Montoucet, Price, and Reynolds voted nay.

Representative Hoffmann offered a set of amendments to the adopted substitute to provide that new employees of the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, the Louisiana Association of Educators, the Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana, and the Louisiana Resource Center for Educators hired on or after July 1, 2013, shall not be members of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana. Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Lorusso, Hoffmann, Hollis, Ivey, Jones, Montoucet, Price, Reynolds, Seabaugh, Talbot, and Thompson voted yea.

Representative Talbot offered a set of technical amendments. Representative Talbot offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Lorusso, Hoffmann, Hollis, Ivey, Jones, Montoucet, Price, Reynolds, Seabaugh, Talbot, and Thompson voted yea.

Representatives Hoffmann, Ivey, Jones, Montoucet, Price, Reynolds, and Thompson asked questions and discussed the merits of the bill.

Mr. Kenny Henderson, Louisiana High School Athletic Association, 12720 Old Hammond Hwy., Baton Rouge, LA 70816, (no telephone number provided); Mr. Brad Lewis, Louisiana High School Athletic Association, (no address provided), 985-775-9003; Mr. Tom Tate, Louisiana Association of Educators, 8322 One Calais Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, 225-921-5637; Ms. Mary-Patricia Wray, Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9623 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (no telephone number provided); spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Maureen Westgard, Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, P.O. Box 94123, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, 225-925-6454; and Mr. Wayne Free, Louisiana Association of Educators, (no address or telephone number provided) spoke to provide information for the bill.

A copy of witness cards of persons in opposition to the bill but not speaking and of persons who would provide information if requested is attached. (See Exhibit D.)

Representative Talbot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 60 by substitute, to which Representative Montoucet objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 2 nays. Representatives Lorusso, Hoffmann, Hollis, Ivey, Price, Reynolds, Seabaugh, Talbot, and Thompson voted yea. Representatives Jones and Montoucet voted nay.

### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 by Representative Harrison**

Representative Harrison presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 2, which suspends provisions of law providing for the Cash Balance Plan in certain retirement systems.

Representative Lorusso offered a set of amendments to change the date until which the Cash Balance Plan is suspended from the earlier of July 1, 2014, or sixty days after favorable rulings on Social Security equivalency of the plan and a favorable ruling on the tax qualification of the plan to July 1, 2014, and to remove the requirement that the division of administration and the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System inform each other and specified others regarding receipt of any ruling from the Internal Revenue Service on questions of Social Security equivalency and tax qualification. Representative Lorusso offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Lorusso, Hoffmann, Hollis, Ivey, Jones, Montoucet, Price, Reynolds, Talbot, and Thompson voted yea.

Representative Jones asked questions and discussed the merits of the resolution.

Ms. Cindy Rougeou, Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, 8401 United Plaza Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, 225-922-0604, spoke to provide information for the resolution.

A copy of witness cards of persons in support of the bill but not speaking and of persons who would provide information if requested is attached. (See Exhibit E.)

Representative Montoucet offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Lorusso, Hoffmann, Hollis, Ivey, Jones, Montoucet, Price, Reynolds, and Thompson voted yea.

## **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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J. Kevin Pearson, Chairman  
House Committee on Retirement

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_