

## **House Committee on Retirement**

Minutes of Meeting  
2018 Regular Session  
April 18, 2018

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

Representative J. Kevin Pearson, chairman of the House Committee on Retirement, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative J. Kevin Pearson, chairman  
Representative Mark Abraham  
Representative Tony Bacala  
Representative Barbara W. Carpenter  
Representative Sam Jones, vice chairman  
Representative Gregory A. Miller

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Paul Hollis  
Representative Barry Ivey

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

Annie Smith, attorney  
Jennifer Watson, secretary

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

Paul Richmond, actuarial services manager, office of the legislative auditor  
Camille Arceneaux, clerk  
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

### III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

#### **Senate Bill No. 2 by Senator Peacock**

Senator Peacock presented Senate Bill No. 2, which authorizes payments funded by the system experience account to certain retirees and beneficiaries.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 2 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 2 was reported favorably by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pearson, Abraham, Bacala, Carpenter, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **Senate Bill No. 3 by Senator Peacock**

Senator Peacock presented Senate Bill No. 3, which provides for benefits for survivors of hazardous duty plan members killed by an intentional act of violence.

Representative Pearson offered amendments to add to proposed law any member of LASERS who is not a member of the hazardous duty plan, but would have otherwise been eligible for membership in the plan except that his first employment making him eligible for membership in a state system occurred on or before December 31, 2010. Representative Pearson offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pearson, Abraham, Bacala, Carpenter, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

Irwin Felps, Louisiana State Police Retirement System, 9224 Jefferson Hwy., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 295-8400 spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 3.

Cindy Rougeou, executive director, LASERS, 8401 United Plaza Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225)924-0604, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 3.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 3 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 3 was reported with amendments by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pearson, Abraham, Bacala, Carpenter, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**Senate Bill No. 5 by Senator Peacock**

Senator Peacock presented Senate Bill No. 5, which provides for the qualification for survivor benefits.

Representative Carpenter offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 5 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 5 was reported favorably by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pearson, Abraham, Bacala, Carpenter, Jones, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

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**Senate Bill No. 9 by Senator Peacock**

Senator Peacock presented Senate Bill No. 9, which provides for determination of credits to be made to the experience account.

Wade Dubea, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Blvd., Suite 6000, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-4500, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 9.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 9 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 9 was reported favorably by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pearson, Abraham, Bacala, Carpenter, Jones, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

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**Senate Bill No. 10 by Senator Peacock**

Senator Peacock presented Senate Bill No. 10, which provides for firefighters at state agencies to be members of the hazardous duty plan.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 10 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 10 was reported favorably by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pearson, Abraham, Bacala, Carpenter, Jones, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

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**Senate Bill No. 17 by Senator Peacock**

Senator Peacock presented Senate Bill No. 17, which provides for harmonization of federal and state law regarding creditable service for military time at Louisiana retirement systems.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 17 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 17 was reported favorably by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pearson, Abraham, Bacala, Carpenter, Jones, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 771 by Representative Bacala**

Representative Bacala presented House Bill No. 771, which provides for payment of unfunded accrued liability by an employer participating in the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System.

Gregory Curran, G. S. Curran & Company, Ltd., 10555 North Glenstone Pl., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 769-4825 spoke for information only on House Bill No. 771.

Representative Abraham offered a motion to report House Bill No. 771 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 771 was reported favorably by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pearson, Abraham, Bacala, Carpenter, Jones, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

**House Bill No. 17 by Representative Carpenter**

Representative Carpenter presented House Bill No. 17, which provides for the repayment of refunded contributions by a member of the Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System.

Representative Jones offered a motion to report House Bill No. 17 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 17 was reported favorably by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pearson, Abraham, Bacala, Carpenter, Jones, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

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**House Bill No. 18 by Representative Carpenter**

Representative Carpenter presented House Bill No. 18, which provides relative to the calculation of final average compensation for members of the Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System.

Gregory Curran, G. S. Curran & Company, Ltd., 10555 North Glenstone Pl., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 769-4825 spoke for information only on House Bill No. 18.

Representative Abraham offered a motion to report House Bill No. 18 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 18 was reported favorably by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pearson, Abraham, Bacala, Carpenter, Jones, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

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### **House Bill No. 19 by Representative Carpenter**

Representative Carpenter presented House Bill No. 19, which provides for the annual amount of retirement allowance for members of the Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System.

Representative Pearson offered amendments to restrict applicability of 3% accrual rate to years of creditable service in ROVERS for members who have less than 30 years of creditable service upon retirement. Representative Pearson offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pearson, Abraham, Bacala, Carpenter, Jones, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

Gregory Curran, G. S. Curran & Company, Ltd., 10555 North Glenstone Pl., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 769-4825 spoke for information only on House Bill No. 19.

Representative Jones offered a motion to report House Bill No. 19 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 19 was reported with amendments by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pearson, Abraham, Bacala, Carpenter, Jones, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

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### **House Bill No. 20 by Representative Carpenter**

Representative Carpenter presented House Bill No. 20, which authorizes a natural or juridical person to serve as director of the Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System.

Representative Carpenter offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 20. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 20 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pearson, Abraham, Bacala, Carpenter, Jones, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman J. Kevin Pearson  
House Committee on Retirement

Date adopted: