

Regular Session, 2008

SENATE BILL NO. 395

BY SENATOR GRAY

FIREFIGHTERS RETIREMENT. Makes technical changes to New Orleans firefighters' pension law. (7/1/08)

1 AN ACT
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:3361, relative to continued participation in the Firefighters'
3 Pension and Relief Fund in the city of New Orleans; to make technical corrections;
4 to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.
5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.
6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7 Section 1. R.S. 11:3361 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
8 §3361. Creation of Firefighters' Pension and Relief Fund; contributions by city
9 A pension and relief fund for firefighters in the city of New Orleans is
10 created. For the purpose of augmenting the fund, the city shall pay into the fund
11 annually one percent of the revenues derived from all licenses issued by the city,
12 except the drivers and chauffeurs licenses, and an annual appropriation in the budget
13 of the city of a sum equal to not less than five percent of the money annually
14 appropriated by the city for the operation and maintenance of the fire department of
15 the city. The latter appropriation, within the limits prescribed, shall be determined
16 by the council each year in making up its annual budget. The appropriation and
17 donations by the city aforesaid shall be set apart by the treasurer of the city and paid

1 over to the board of trustees of the Firefighters' Pension and Relief Fund as the
2 annual contribution of the city to the fund. The word "firefighter" as designated in
3 this Part is defined as any individual employed by the fire department of the city of
4 New Orleans who is actively engaged in the extinguishing of fires. Notwithstanding
5 any provision of this Part to the contrary, any uniformed member of the fire
6 suppression division of the fire department of the city of New Orleans, who occupied
7 the position of firefighter in the classified civil service of the city of New Orleans for
8 at least ten years, and who, because of physical disability, ~~elects~~ **selects** to transfer
9 from the fire suppression division to the fire administration division of the fire
10 department of the city of New Orleans, may continue to participate in the pension
11 and relief fund for firefighters in the city of New Orleans, unless the board
12 determines that such continued employment is detrimental to the health and safety
13 of other employees.

14 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July, 1, 2008; if vetoed by the
15 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on
16 July, 1, 2008, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Laura Gail Sullivan.

DIGEST

Proposed law makes a technical change relative to the continued participation in the Firefighters' Pension and Relief Fund in the City of New Orleans by certain firefighters with physical disabilities.

Effective July 1, 2008.

(Amends R.S. 11:3361)