

Regular Session, 2013

ACT No. 70

HOUSE BILL NO. 37

BY REPRESENTATIVE NANCY LANDRY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2096, relative to the Registrars of Voters Employees'
3 Retirement System; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the board relative
4 to system's actuarial assumptions; and to provide for related matters.

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

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 11:2096 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §2096. Actuary; appointment; duties and powers

11 A. The board of trustees shall designate an actuary who shall be ~~the a~~ a
12 technical ~~adviser~~ advisor of the board of trustees on matters regarding the operation
13 of the ~~funds~~ system created by the provisions of this Chapter, and shall perform such
14 other duties as are required ~~in connection therewith~~ by law or by the board of
15 trustees.

16 B. Immediately after the establishment of the retirement system, the actuary
17 shall make such investigation of the mortality, service, and compensation experience
18 of the members of the system as he shall recommend and the board of trustees shall
19 authorize, and on the basis of such investigation he shall recommend for adoption by
20 the board of trustees such tables and such rates as are required in Subsection C of this
21 Section. The board of trustees shall adopt tables and certify rates, and as soon as
22 practicable thereafter the actuary shall make a valuation based on such tables and
23 rates of the assets and liabilities of the ~~funds~~ system created by this Chapter.

1 C. In the year nineteen hundred fifty-six, and at least once in each five-year
 2 period thereafter, the actuary shall make an actuarial investigation into the mortality,
 3 service, and compensation experience of the members and beneficiaries of the
 4 retirement system, and shall make a valuation of the assets and liabilities of the funds
 5 of the system, and taking into account the result of such investigation and valuation,
 6 the board of trustees shall:

7 (1) Adopt for the retirement system such mortality, service, and other tables
 8 as shall be deemed necessary; ~~and,~~

9 (2) Certify the rates of contribution payable by each employer on account of
 10 new entrants.

11 D.(1) On the basis of such tables as the board of trustees shall adopt, the
 12 actuary shall make an annual valuation of the assets and liabilities of the ~~funds of the~~
 13 system created by this Chapter.

14 (2) Any new tables and interest assumptions adopted in accordance with
 15 Subsection C of this Section shall be applicable only with respect to persons who are
 16 members on the date of adoption. Tables in effect on the date of retirement shall
 17 remain applicable with respect to persons who retire prior to the adoption of new
 18 tables.

19 E.(1) Effective June 30, 2013, unless different actuarial assumptions are
 20 formally adopted and disclosed, as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the
 21 following assumptions shall determine the actuarial equivalents to be used in this
 22 retirement system:

23 (a) Interest shall be compounded at the rate of seven and one-half percent per
 24 annum.

25 (b) Annuity rates shall be determined on the basis of the RP-2000 Combined
 26 Healthy Table set back three years for males and two years for females.

27 (2) The board of trustees may authorize the use of interest and mortality rates
 28 in determining the actuarial equivalents which are different from the actuarial
 29 assumptions specified in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. Any change in such
 30 actuarial assumptions shall be considered a part of the plan provisions of this

1 retirement system and shall be considered an amendment to the plan provisions
 2 contained in this Section. In order to be effective, such change shall be formally
 3 adopted by the board of trustees as a rule or rules promulgated pursuant to the
 4 Administrative Procedure Act and disclosed to members of the retirement system.

5 (3) No change in actuarial assumptions shall reduce a member's accrued
 6 benefit.

7 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2013; if vetoed by the
 8 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on
 9 June 30, 2013, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____