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2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 37

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

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

RETIREMENT/FIREFIGHTERS: Provides relative to the board of trustees of the Firefighters' Retirement System

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2260(A)(2)(introductory paragraph) and (b), relative to the
3	Firefighters' Retirement System; to provide for membership on the board of trustees;
4	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. 11:2260(A)(2)(introductory paragraph) and (b) are hereby amended
10	and reenacted to read as follows:
11	§2260. Administration
12	A. Board of trustees:
13	* * *
14	(2) The board shall consist of ten eleven trustees as follows:
15	* * *
16	(b) A fire chief who is chief of a fire department participating in the system
17	and who is a member of the system, shall be elected in December, 1988 by a
18	majority of the fire chiefs of fire departments participating in the system, to take
19	office January 1, 1989, to serve until January 1, 1991, and his successor shall be
20	elected for a term of five years, commencing on January 1, 1991. Two members of

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the Louisiana Chiefs Association who are members of the system and who shall be
elected by a majority of the officers of the association for five-year terms.

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Section 2. This Act does not affect the term of the member of the board of trustees
who is serving pursuant to R.S. 11:2260(A)(2)(b) on the effective date of this Act. The
additional trustee position provided for in R.S. 11:2260(A)(2)(b) as amended by this Act
shall be filled initially in December 2023 for a term that begins on January 1, 2024.

## DIGEST

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Abstract: Adds an additional fire chief to the Firefighters' Retirement System (FRS) board of trustees.

Present law provides for 10 trustees on FRS board of trustees.

Proposed law increases membership to 11.

Present law provides for the membership on the FRS board of trustees as follows:

- (1) Two members of the Professional Fire Fighters Assoc.
- (2) A fire chief elected by fire chiefs who are members of FRS.
- (3) Two mayors appointed by the La. Municipal Assoc.
- (4) A member of the House Committee on Retirement appointed by the speaker.
- (5) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Retirement or his designee.
- (6) A retiree of the system.
- (7) The state treasurer or his designee.
- (8) The commissioner of administration or his designee.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law adds an additional fire chief to the FRS board of trustees.

<u>Proposed law</u> further requires that both fire chief trustees be members of the La. Fire Chiefs Assoc. and that they be selected by the officers of the association.

(Amends R.S. 11:2260(A)(2)(intro. para.) and (b))

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