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WHY IS BUDGET AND TAX REFORM IMPORTANT TO RETIREES?

The good news from the 2017 Regular Legislative Session is that none of the retirement legislation introduced was a detriment to TRSL retirees. However, HB 456 introduced by Representative Neil Abramson (D-New Orleans) was postured to threaten both K-12 education and retirement funding. Fortunately, the intensive lobbying efforts made by the LRTA office and its membership helped defeat the bill that potentially threatened our state retirement plan.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR LRTA PRESIDENT



It is hard to believe that my first year as president has come to a close. How quickly the time has gone by! I look forward to serving for another year. It is a joy for me to have the opportunity to spend time with you at your unit and district meetings. Thank you for the invitations I have received to meet with you.

Now, at the beginning of my second year, we are again presenting our legislative issue of the newsletter. In this issue, you can look forward to a complete report of the spring sessions of the 2017 legislature— both regular and special sessions. It seemed like this was an especially long session, with three sessions practically back to back. Thanks to Rodney for keeping us well informed!!

Through a state-wide election process, an LRTA Nominating Committee for 2017-2019 has been selected. There are five geographic areas covering the state, with one Nominating Committee member elected from each area.

The committee met during

the LRTA Spring Meeting. At that meeting, Gail Foster was elected to serve as committee chair, a meeting schedule was decided upon, and a call for prospects was issued.

The duty of the Nominating Committee is to present a slate of nominees for state officers to the Executive Board at their October board meeting. This slate will also appear on the ballot to be distributed to LRTA members in January of 2018. If you are interested in holding a state office, or nominating someone, contact the LRTA office to request a prospect sheet.

In late May, I had the privilege of attending a reception held at the LRTA courtyard in Baton Rouge. The purpose was to present flood relief grant checks to victims of the August 2017 floods. The grants were made possible through donations by LRTA members and AMBA. This project was conducted under the direction of the LRTA Foundation. It was a joy to watch as Dr. Hugh Craft, LRTA Foundation president, presented the checks to recipients. There were many smiles all around!

The spring meeting recently held in Alexandria was a great success. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did! The atmosphere was very relaxed and happy. It was good to return to the Holiday Inn downtown. I like having everything under one roof. It was a pleasure to present the

Name of Fame award to Janis Hernandez from District 4; to Kathryn Vaughn from District 8; and to James Stewart, posthumously, from District 7. We will all miss James! It was so good to see James' wife Pat and her daughter there so that she could accept the award in memory of James. A special "Hats Off" to Sue and Ben Sandifer, and all their volunteers in District 7, for hosting a great convention.

I hope you will make your plans to attend the LRTA Fall Meeting in Metairie, La., on October 23, 24 and 25. It will be at the Best Western Landmark Hotel, 2601 Severn Ave. This is another old hotel that has been beautifully remodeled. The Fall Meeting is hosted by District 2. Stay tuned for some twists in the programming!

In closing, I would like to ask you to remember in your prayers the family of Dr. John Foster, a past state president of LRTA. Dr. Foster passed away in May after a lengthy illness. HE WILL BE MISSED.

Bertha H. Breland
President

LRTA FOUNDATION DONATIONS

Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Sandifer in Memory of James T. Stewart

Mrs. Edna-Marie Campbell-Sevin in Memory of James T. Stewart

Bossier Parish RTA in Memory of all deceased teachers from Bossier Parish from April 2016 through April 2017

District V in Memory of James T. Stewart

Lafourche Parish Retired Teachers in Memory of all Lafourche Parish deceased educators

LRTA District VI Officers and Members in Memory of James T. Stewart

LRTA in Memory of Dr. John Foster

St. Charles Parish RTA in Memory of Dolores Gomez

Terrebonne RTA in Memory of James T. Stewart

DUES INCREASE REMINDER

Beginning with the 2018 membership year, dues will increase to:

Active Members \$30 annually
Associate Members \$12 annually
Lifetime Members \$600 one-time payment

WHY IS BUDGET AND TAX REFORM IMPORTANT TO RETIREES? *Continued from cover*

The bad news is the state has now completed three legislative sessions this year and fallen short of avoiding next year's \$1.3 billion fiscal cliff. The solution to these recurring budget deficit issues is adopting legislation that will address our state's antiquated taxing system.

Why is budget and tax reform important to retirees? Specifically, our state has a plan to pay down the retirement debt and lower the employer costs by 2029. Each year our retirees are faced with threats that could reduce or change our benefit plan due to these temporary high costs. As the state has continually faced budget shortfalls for more than eight years, legislators are looking for ways to reduce spending and retirement is often the target of those cuts.

Until our state adopts a tax structure that generates adequate revenues to fund necessary and legitimate governmental services, state retirement plans will be under constant attack.

Tax policy in Louisiana is convoluted and complicated. Further, our state relies too heavily on personal income and sales taxes and provides so many credits that businesses and industries often don't pay their fair share for governmental services.

The Task Force on Structural Changes on Budget and Tax policy made recommenda-

tions that were simple, fair and would fund government expenses. More importantly, it would make Louisiana competitive with other states and provide budget stability over the short and long term. The task force made several recommendations relative to sales tax. Among those recommendations was establishing a more uniform sales tax base by bringing exemptions and exclusions in line on both the state and local levels, and to reduce the sales tax rate from its current 5 percent to no more than 4 percent.

The bipartisan task force made several recommendations which included eliminating the state deduction for federal income taxes paid but provided for appropriate state income tax rate reductions. Additionally, the group recommended two options for changing individual income tax by expanding the income tax base, narrowing the brackets, and lowering the rate by up to 25 percent.

There were also corporate tax recommendations. Perhaps the most important aspect of these recommendations was that each of them may require legislation to enact a specific change, but addressing each measure in isolation of each other would not address overall tax reform. In short, all of the recommendations should be addressed at one time as a plan for state tax reform.

The Governor used many of these recommendations in

his tax reform plan introduced during the 2017 Regular Legislative Session. This package would have replaced the one cent sales tax set to expire in 2018. Unfortunately, most of these bills were not given serious consideration and were rejected down party lines. Consequently, the Republican controlled legislature had an opportunity to present its own plan for tax reform. However, no such plan was presented and very few tax reform bills were introduced, all of which failed to pass.

As the session moved into its final few weeks, it was apparent that even if the Legislature was able to approve a budget plan for fiscal year 2017-2018, the state was still going to face a shortfall next year with a deficit in the hundreds of millions. A second special session was called at a cost of \$60,000 a day to address the unresolved budget issues. However, it is likely another special session will be announced early next year to address the looming fiscal cliff.

The only way to balance a state budget is to seek additional revenues to address the shortfall or cut governmental services. In our case, education and state retirement will likely become a target for cuts to balance the state budget. Some believe the only way to solve the fiscal cliff next year is to renew the one cent sales tax in part or full. Although this methodology generates additional state revenue, it is



regressive in that it is not a predictable and stable source of funding.

If our state retirees want to avoid scrutiny and possible future cuts, we as individuals and as an organization need to encourage our state legislature to develop a comprehensive plan for budget and tax reform at their earliest opportunity. No one wants to pay more taxes, but the recommendations that have been made would actually provide for a tax system this is broad based where everyone is paying their fair share.

By adopting a true plan for tax reform like many other states in our county, Louisiana will become more competitive, and specifically, continue to pay down the state retirement debt, resulting in a healthy and cost efficient retirement benefit plan that attracts and retains a professional and competitive teaching workforce.

Rodney R. Watson
Executive Director

LRTA and LRTA Foundation Host Disaster Relief Grant Awards Reception



Louisiana Retired Teachers Association (LRTA) partnered with the LRTA Foundation to award 33 qualifying LRTA members who were affected by the August 2016 flood with disaster relief grants. The Disaster Relief Grant Awards Reception took place on Friday, May 26 at 10 a.m., at the LRTA courtyard in Baton Rouge.

Recipients of the grants were from Ascension, East Baton Rouge and Livingston Parishes. To qualify for the grants, applicants must have: been a member of LRTA at the time of the flood and received damage to their primary residence.

Sixteen groups or individuals donated to the cause, totaling more than \$30,000 in relief funds.





Nominees for State Offices Requested

The January 2018 ballot will feature the election of LRTA President, First Vice-President, and Second Vice-President. The two-year terms of your newly-elected officers will begin when the successful candidates are installed at the 2018 Spring Meeting in April.

The LRTA Bylaws charge the Nominating Committee to nominate individuals for each statewide elected office. Suggestions for nominees are requested by the committee and should be forwarded to the LRTA office in Baton Rouge.

Prospective nominees must be LRTA members in good standing and must have agreed in advance to serve, if elected. A brief biographical sketch, including educational background, career experience, and honors, awards and involvement in retiree and community activities since retirement should be included for each nominated

candidate. Note: Associate members of LRTA are not eligible to hold office, or to vote in LRTA elections.

Information on suggested nominees should be furnished to the committee on an LRTA Prospect Sheet, which may be obtained from any Nominating Committee member or by contacting the LRTA office. Qualifications of each suggested nominee should be prioritized due to space limitations. Suggested nominees should also furnish a recent color photo that may be published with their candidate information. Prospects for consideration by the Nominating Committee may be submitted by any LRTA member, including the prospect himself/herself.

The Nominating Committee looks forward to working with the LRTA membership to develop a slate of well-qualified candidates for LRTA's statewide elected offices that

will be presented to the executive board at the 2017 Fall Meeting.

All prospective candidate information must be received in the LRTA office no later than October 1, 2017, but may be submitted any time before that date. Prospect Sheets should be mailed to:

LRTA
Attn: Nominating Committee
9412 Common St., #5
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Members of the LRTA Nominating Committee are:

Gayle Foster, Chair
Frances P. Byler
Joseph Clyde Crooks
Lonnie E. Dunn
Jeryllyn S. Williams

RECAP: 2017 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Provided below is a list of bills that were pre-filed and/or introduced for consideration by the Legislature during the 2017 Regular Session which could have had a potential impact on you as a retired educator and/or your retirement system. The descriptions of the bills have been taken from the legislative text and digests.

The words in red are the positions of the LRTA Legislative Committee taken on Thursday, April 6, 2017.

The legislative session began at noon on Monday, April 10, and ended at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2017.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

HOUSE BILL NO. 456 BY REPRESENTATIVE ABRAMSON

- Proposes to call a limited constitutional convention to address key policy issues that require constitutional change.
- Convention must complete a new constitution by 5/30/19.
- May propose substantive changes only with respect to the following:
 - the raising of revenue; the allocation and expenditure of funds;
 - the review, limitation, or control of the expenditure of funds; education funding;
 - the management and control of higher education institutions;
 - the manner in which retirement benefits are accrued by members of any state or statewide public retirement system hired after Dec. 31, 2019;
 - the management of investments held by the state retirement systems; and the enactment of



retirement benefit provisions.

- Amendments to HB 456 added retirement as a potential topic of this proposed constitutional convention, including LA Const. art. X, § 29(E) and (F).

LRTA Opposed. Failed to Pass

TRSL-LSERS TRANSFER OF GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

SENATE BILL NO. 11 BY SENATOR BARROW PEACOCK

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS: This bill provides for the incorporation of the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System into the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana. (7/1/17)

- TRSL will administer and manage the Teachers' Retirement Plan (TRP) and the Louisiana School Employees' Plan (LSERP).
- Transfers all administrative functions from LSERS to TRSL to be fully implemented within two years.
- 17-member Board; as amended, removes State Superintendent

of Education; adds one member representing active LSERP members - no shared representation with food service workers.

- Assets held separately in trust exclusively to provide benefits for respective plan members.
- Provides for reports to the House and Senate Retirement Committees. As amended, first report due on January 31, 2018.
- As amended, establishes a LSERP Advisory Board.

LRTA Neutral. Failed to Pass

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

HOUSE BILL NO. 33 BY REPRESENTATIVE PEARSON

RETIREMENT/BDS - COMMISSIONS: This bill provides relative to representation of the House of Representatives on the boards of trustees of state and statewide retirement systems.

- Clarifies provisions related to legislative staff's participation in executive sessions of retirement systems' boards of trustees.

- As amended, would not return the chairman of the House Retirement Committee as the ex officio member of the thirteen state and statewide retirement systems in 2020.

LRTA Neutral. Sent to Governor

FUNDING/EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

SENATE BILL NO. 87 BY SENATOR MORRISH

BESE: Requires allocation of certain amounts of minimum foundation program formula funds to the unfunded accrued liability of TRSL.

- Beginning in FY 2017-18, proposes to require an annual direct transfer of MFP funds from the Department of Education (DOE) to TRSL to make that year's required payment on the system's oldest outstanding positive amortization base which is attributable to K-12 education employers.

LRTA Neutral. Failed to Pass

CORRECTION OF ENROLLMENT ERRORS

SENATE BILL NO. 8 BY SENATOR PEACOCK

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS: Provides for correction of membership and enrollment errors in public retirement systems.

- Transfers any person enrolled in the wrong public retirement system to the correct state or statewide retirement system for which his employment makes him eligible.
- Requires the employer to pay any shortage of transferred funds.
- Retains / redesignates current TRSL law providing for correction of enrollment errors where indi-

vidual was enrolled in no system.

- As amended, any additional costs will be funded through increased employer contributions (conforms to LA Const. art. X, § 29(F)).

- As amended, repeals provision relating to Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System and the Lafayette City Police Department.

LRTA Neutral. Awaits Consideration from Governor

RETURN TO WORK

HOUSE BILL NO. 4 BY REPRESENTATIVE MIGUEZ

RETIREMENT/TEACHERS: Provides relative to the reemployment of retired school nurses in positions covered by the Teachers' Retirement System of La.

- School nurses could return to work and continue to receive retirement benefits while re-employed, subject to 12-month waiting period.
- Subject to a 25% of benefit earnings limitation.

LRTA Neutral. Signed into law on 6/3/16. Became Act No. 15. Effective 7/1/17.

HOUSE BILL NO. 31 BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN

RETIREMENT/TEACHERS: Provides relative to the reemployment of retired school psychologists in positions covered by the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

- School psychologists could return to work as critical shortage "retired teachers" and continue to receive retirement benefits while re-employed, subject to 12-month waiting period.
- No earnings limitation.

LRTA Neutral. Signed into law on 6/12/17. Became Act No. 120. Effective 7/1/17.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

HOUSE BILL NO. 546 BY REPRESENTATIVE HAVARD

SCHOOLS: Provides relative to exemptions from laws, rules, and regulations applicable to public school boards and the schools and employees under the jurisdiction of each with certain exceptions.

- Proposes to add teacher and school employee retirement to list of laws, rules, and regulations applicable to charter schools.

LRTA Neutral. Failed to Pass

INVESTMENT REPORTING

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 39 BY SENATOR MILKOVICH

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS: Urges and requests the systems to report certain investment information including amounts paid to investment professionals.

- Proposes to urge and request (as amended) each state retirement system to provide additional information with comprehensive quarterly reports to the Senate Retirement Committee.

- As amended, methodology by which fees are calculated for private assets shall not include any proprietary or trade secret information or information that would cause a competitive disadvantage.
- As amended, requires each system to post reports on their official websites.

LRTA Neutral. Failed to Pass

RECAP: 2017 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION continued...



SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 123 BY SENATOR MILKOVICH

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS: Urges and requests each state retirement system to post to its website the comprehensive investment reports submitted quarterly pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 175 of the 2005 Regular Session.

- Currently, the Senate monitors the investments of the state retirement systems by reviewing reports submitted pursuant to Senate Resolution 175 of 2005.
- Urges and requests each state retirement system to post these reports on their official public websites beginning with the quarter ending June 30, 2017.

LRTA Neutral. Sent to Secretary of State

SCHOOL FINANCE/MFP FORMULA

HOUSE BILL NO. 330 BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY

Proposed Constitutional Amend-

ment

- Current minimum foundation program (MFP) constitutional article allows the Legislature to return the MFP formula to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and recommend an amended formula for consideration by BESE.
- Proposes to allow the Legislature to amend the base cost per pupil (only) in the MFP for funding city, parish, and other local public school systems.
- Proposes to substitute the reference to "parish and city school systems" with "city, parish, and other local public school systems."
- If approved by Legislators, the proposed amendment must be submitted to Louisiana voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 6, 2018.

No Position. Did not run

SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS TO UAL

HOUSE BILL NO. 55 BY REPRESENTATIVE CARTER

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

- Constitutional Amendment would authorize certain severance taxes on natural gas.
- Proposes to create a "Fair Share Fund" for such taxes; payments toward the UAL are among authorized distributions (17% of fund balance).
- Effective January 1, 2018, if enacted through statewide election on 10/14/17.

No Position. Did not run

SOCIAL SECURITY - GPO/WEP

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22 BY SENATOR MIZELL

- Memorializes congress to consider eliminating the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) Social Security benefit reductions.

LRTA Supported. Sent to Secretary of State

STATUTORY CLEAN-UP

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46 BY REPRESENTATIVE PEARSON

- Authorizes and directs the La. State Law Institute and the printer of the La. Revised Statutes to stop printing the language added by Act No. 483 of the 2012 R.S., which created a cash balance plan for some La. retirement systems and which the La. Supreme Court held was unconstitutionally enacted.

Further requests that the printer stop printing the headnote on sections that no longer include unconstitutionally enacted language.

No Position. Sent to Secretary of State

IN MEMORIAM continued from pg. 11

Bonnie R. Graham – Shreveport
Vella G. Grant – Shreveport
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LRTA Mourns Dr. John D. Foster

Past LRTA President, Dr. John D. Foster from Folsom, La., passed away on May 11, 2017. Foster was LRTA President during 2002-2004. We extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends.



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IN MEMORIAM

*"...THESE IMMORTAL DEAD WHO LIVE AGAIN IN MINDS M...***Deceased Retired Teachers****February 6 through June 12, 2017****District I**

Ruby J. Anderson – New Orleans
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 Shirley Burns Briscoe – New Orleans
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 Paul West – New Orleans
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 Mathew J. Wilson – New Orleans
 Ruth N. Wilson – New Orleans
 Constance I. Yeaton – New Orleans

District II

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 Terri B. Chiasson – Cut Off
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 Wilbert Jenkins – LaPlace
 Jerah Johnson – Metairie
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 Jane B. Percle – Thibodaux
 Joy K. Pray – LaPlace
 Robert Paul Rankin – Houma
 Roy P. Rodrigue – Thibodaux
 Francis J. Sevin – Pierre Part
 Paul S. Smith – Bourg
 Hilda A. Spence – River Ridge
 Beverly Ann Stafford – Labadieville
 Adele S. Streeck – LaPlace
 Dennis J. Strohmeyer – Gretna

District III

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 Patricia G. Arsenault – Slidell
 Jack Ronald Bankston – Denham
 Springs
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