



LOUISIANA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATORS RESPONSES TO THE LRTA SURVEY

The Louisiana Retired Teachers Association surveyed political candidates during the 2019 election cycles. The Association asked the candidates the following questions:

1. **LRTA opposes any legislation that would alter the defined benefit structure of the Teachers’ Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL).** During previous legislative sessions, several bills were created to switch the current defined benefit plan provided by TRSL to a hybrid plan. LRTA continues to oppose these bills, such as SB 14 (2018) and HB 28 (2019). If similar bills appeared in future legislative sessions, would you oppose or veto these bills?
2. **LRTA supports Permanent Benefit Increases (PBIs) when the criteria to grant one is met.** TRSL benefit recipients have not received a PBI since 2016. Would you support legislation to grant a PBI should TRSL meet the criteria to grant one?
3. **LRTA opposes constitutional conventions that would remove budgetary protections for education and retirement.** If constitutional convention is proposed in a future legislative session, would you oppose or veto these bills?
4. **LRTA supports the repeal of the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP).** The GPO and the WEP are Social Security federal provisions that reduce retired public employee’s individual Social Security and survivor benefits. Retired teachers in Louisiana are subject to the GPO and WEP. Given the opportunity, would you support the repeal of the GPO and WEP?
5. **LRTA supports teacher and support staff pay raises and adequately funding education through the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP).** Do you support teacher pay raises and adequately funding education through the MFP?

GOVERNOR

Name	Q1: Oppose Hybrid Plans	Q2: Support PBIs	Q3: Oppose Constitutional Convention	Q4: Repeal GPO/WEP	Q5: Support Education
Gov. John Bel Edwards - D	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Note: LRTA’s position on all survey questions is “Yes.” Candidates who answer “No” are in opposition of that priority.

TREASURER

Name	Q1: Oppose Hybrid Plans	Q2: Support PBIs	Q3: Oppose Constitutional Convention	Q4: Repeal GPO/WEP	Q5: Support Education
John Schroeder - R					

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Name	Leg. Dist. #	Q1: Oppose Hybrid Plans	Q2: Support PBIs	Q3: Oppose Constitutional Convention	Q4: Repeal GPO/WEP	Q5: Support Education
Danny McCormick - R	1					
Sam Jenkins - D	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tammy Phelps - D	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cedric Glover - D	4					
Alan Seabaugh - R	5					
Thomas Pressly - R	6					
Larry Bagley - R	7					
Raymond Crews - R	8					
Dodie Horton - R	9					
Wayne McMahan - R	10	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Patrick Jefferson - D	11	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chris Turner - R	12					
Jack McFarland - R	13					
Michael Echols - R	14					
Foy Gadberry - R	15					
Frederick D. Jones - D	16					
Pat Moore - D	17					
Jeremy Lacombe - D	18					
Francis Thompson - D	19					

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Neil Riser - R	20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Travis Johnson - D	21					
Gabe Firment - R	22					
Kenny Cox - D	23					
Rodney Schamerhorn - R	24	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lance Harris - R	25					
Ed Larvadain - D	26	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mike Johnson - R	27					
Daryl Deshotel - R	28	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Edmond Jordan - D	29					
Chuck Owen - R	30					
Johnathan Goudeau - R	31	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dewith Carrier - R	32	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Les Farnum - R	33					
Wilford Carter, Sr. - D	34	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stephen Dwight - R	35					
Philip Tarver - R	36					
Troy Romero - R	37					
Rhonda Butler - R	38					
Julie Emerson - R	39					
Dustin Miller - D	40					
Philip Devillier - R	41					
John Stefanski - R	42					
Stuart Bishop - R	43					
Vincent Vince Pierre - D	44					
Jean-Paul Coussan - R	45					
Rhonda Kim Gleason - D	45					
Mike Pete Huval - R	46					
Ryan Bourriaque - R	47					
Beau Beaulieu - R	48					

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Blake Miguez - R	49					
Vincent J. St. Blanc III - R	50					
Beryl Amedee - R	51					
Jerome Zee Zeringue - R	52					
Tanner Magee - R	53					
Reggie Bagala - R	54					
Bryan Fontenot - R	55					
Greg Miller - R	56					
Randal Gaines - D	57					
Ken Brass - D	58					
Tony Bacala - R	59	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chad Brown - D	60	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Denise Marcelle - D	61					
Daryl Adams - I	62					
Barbara Carpenter - D	63					
Valarie Hodges - R	64					
Barry Ivey - R	65					
Rick Edmonds - R	66					
Larry Selders - D	67					
Scott McKnight - R	68					
Paula Davis - R	69					
Barbara Freiberg - R	70					
Buddy Mincey Jr. - R	71					
Robby Carter - D	72	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bill Wheat - R	73					
Larry Frieman - R	74					
Malinda White - D	75	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bob Owen - R	76					
S. Michelle Blanchard - R	76					
Mark Wright - R	77					

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John 'Big John' Illg, Jr. - R	78					
Deborah Villio - R	79					
Polly Thomas - R	80	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clay Schexnayder - R	81					
Charles A. Henry - R	82					
Kyle M. Green, Jr. - D	83					
Timothy P. Kerner - R	84					
Joesph Marino - No Party	85					
Nicholas Muscarello - R	86					
Rodney Lyons - D	87	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kathy Edmonston - R	88	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Richard Nelson - R	89					
Mary Dubuisson - R	90					
Mandie Landry - D	91	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Joe Stagni - R	92					
Royce Duplessis - D	93	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stephanie Hilferty - R	94					
Sherman Mack - R	95					
Marcus Bryant - D	96	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Matthew Willard - D	97	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Aimee Freeman - D	98	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Candace N. Newell - D	99					
Jason Hughes - D	100					
Edward Ted James - D	101					
Gary Carter - D	102					
Ray Garofalo - R	103					
Paul Hollis - R	104					
Mack Cormier - D	105					

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SENATORS

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Sharon Hewitt - R	1					
Edward Price - D	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Joe Bouie - D	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jimmy Harris - D	4					
Karen Carter Peterson - D	5					
Mack Bodi White - R	6	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Troy Carter - D	7					
Patirck Connick - R	8					
Cameron Henry - R	9					
Kirk Talbot - R	10					
Patrick McMath - R	11					
Beth Mizell -R	12					
J. Rogers Pope - R	13	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cleo Fields - D	14					
Regina Barrow - D	15					
Franklin Foil - R	16					
Rick Ward - R	17					
Eddie Lambert - R	18	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gary Smith - D	19					
Michael Fesi, Sr. - R	20					
Brett Allain - R	21					
Fred Mills - R	22	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Page Cortez - R	23					
Gerald Boudreaux - D	24					
Mark Abraham - R	25					
Bob Hensgens - R	26					

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Ronnie Johns - R	27					
Heather Cloud - R	28					
Jay Luneau - D	29					
Michael Reese - R	30					
Louie Bernard - R	31	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Glen Womack - R	32	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stewart Cathey - R	33					
Katrina Jackson - D	34	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jay Morris - R	35	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Robert Mills - R	36					
Barrow Peacock - R	37					
Barry Milligan - R	38					
Greg Tarver - D	39	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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