



**LOUISIANA RETIRED  
TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

LEGISLATORS RESPONSES TO THE LRTA SURVEY  
Updated November 2022

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
<b>Gov. John Bel Edwards - D</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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TREASURER

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Name	Leg. Dist. #	Q1: Oppose Hybrid Plans	Q2: Support PBIs	Q3: Oppose Constitutional Convention	Q4: Repeal GPO/WEP	Q5: Support Education
<b>Danny McCormick - R</b>	1					
<b>Sam Jenkins - D</b>	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Tammy Phelps - D</b>	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Cedric Glover - D</b>	4					
<b>Alan Seabaugh - R</b>	5					
<b>Thomas Pressly - R</b>	6					
<b>Larry Bagley - R</b>	7					
<b>Raymond Crews - R</b>	8					
<b>Dodie Horton - R</b>	9					
<b>Wayne McMahan - R</b>	10	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Patrick Jefferson - D</b>	11	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Chris Turner - R</b>	12					
<b>Jack McFarland - R</b>	13					
<b>Michael Echols - R</b>	14					

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<b>Foy Gadberry - R</b>	15					
<b>Adrian Fisher - D</b>	16					
<b>Pat Moore - D</b>	17					
<b>Jeremy Lacombe - D</b>	18					
<b>Francis Thompson - D</b>	19					
<b>Neil Riser - R</b>	20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Travis Johnson - D</b>	21					
<b>Gabe Firment - R</b>	22					
<b>Kenny Cox - D</b>	23					
<b>Rodney Schamerhorn - R</b>	24	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Lance Harris - R</b>	25					
<b>Ed Larvadain - D</b>	26	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Mike Johnson - R</b>	27					
<b>Daryl Deshotel - R</b>	28	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Edmond Jordan - D</b>	29					
<b>Chuck Owen - R</b>	30					
<b>Johnathan Goudeau - R</b>	31	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Dewith Carrier - R</b>	32	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Les Farnum - R</b>	33					
<b>Wilford Carter, Sr. - D</b>	34	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Brett F. Geymann - R</b>	35					
<b>Philip Tarver - R</b>	36					

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<b>Troy Romero - R</b>	37					
<b>Rhonda Butler - R</b>	38					
<b>Julie Emerson - R</b>	39					
<b>Dustin Miller - D</b>	40					
<b>Phillip Devillier - R</b>	41					
<b>John Stefanski - R</b>	42					
<b>Stuart Bishop - R</b>	43					
<b>Vincent Vince Pierre - D</b>	44					
<b>Jean-Paul Coussan - R</b>	45					
<b>Mike Pete Huval - R</b>	46					
<b>Ryan Bourriague - R</b>	47					
<b>Beau Beaulieu - R</b>	48					
<b>Blake Miguez - R</b>	49					
<b>Vincent J. St. Blanc III - R</b>	50					
<b>Beryl Amedee - R</b>	51					
<b>Jerome Zee Zeringue - R</b>	52					
<b>Tanner Magee - R</b>	53					
<b>Joseph Orgeron - R</b>	54	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Bryan Fontenot - R</b>	55					
<b>Greg Miller - R</b>	56					
<b>Randal Gaines - D</b>	57					
<b>Ken Brass - D</b>	58					

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<b>Tony Bacala - R</b>	59	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Chad Brown - D</b>	60	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Denise Marcelle - D</b>	61					
<b>Roy Daryl Adams - I</b>	62					
<b>Barbara Carpenter - D</b>	63					
<b>Valarie Hodges - R</b>	64					
<b>Barry Ivey - R</b>	65					
<b>Rick Edmonds - R</b>	66					
<b>Larry Selders - D</b>	67					
<b>Scott McKnight - R</b>	68					
<b>Paula Davis - R</b>	69					
<b>Barbara Freiberg - R</b>	70					
<b>Buddy Mincey Jr. - R</b>	71					
<b>Robby Carter - D</b>	72	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Bill Wheat - R</b>	73					
<b>Larry Frieman - R</b>	74					
<b>Malinda White - R</b>	75	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Bob Owen - R</b>	76					
<b>S. Michelle Blanchard - R</b>	76					
<b>Mark Wright - R</b>	77					
<b>John 'Big John' Illg, Jr. - R</b>	78					
<b>Deborah Villio - R</b>	79					

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<b>Polly Thomas - R</b>	80	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Clay Schexnayder - R</b>	81					
<b>Laurie Schlegel - R</b>	82					
<b>Kyle M. Green, Jr. - D</b>	83					
<b>Timothy P. Kerner - R</b>	84					
<b>Joesph Marino - No Party</b>	85					
<b>Nicholas Muscarello - R</b>	86					
<b>Rodney Lyons - D</b>	87	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Kathy Edmonston - R</b>	88	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Richard Nelson - R</b>	89					
<b>Mary Dubuisson - R</b>	90					
<b>Mandie Landry - D</b>	91	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Joe Stagni - R</b>	92					
<b>Vacant</b>	93					
<b>Stephanie Hilferty - R</b>	94					
<b>Sherman Mack - R</b>	95					
<b>Marcus Bryant - D</b>	96	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Matthew Willard - D</b>	97	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Aimee Freeman - D</b>	98	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Candace N. Newell - D</b>	99					
<b>Jason Hughes - D</b>	100					

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<b>Vanessa Caston LaFleur</b>	101	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Delisha Boyd - D</b>	102	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Ray Garofalo - R</b>	103					
<b>Paul Hollis - R</b>	104					
<b>Mack Cormier - D</b>	105					

SENATORS

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<b>Sharon Hewitt - R</b>	1					
<b>Edward Price - D</b>	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Joe Bouie - D</b>	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Jimmy Harris - D</b>	4					
<b>Royce Duplessis - D</b>	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Mack Bodi White - R</b>	6	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Gary Carter, Jr. - D</b>	7					
<b>Patirck Connick - R</b>	8					
<b>Cameron Henry - R</b>	9					
<b>Kirk Talbot - R</b>	10					
<b>Patrick McMath - R</b>	11					
<b>Beth Mizell -R</b>	12					

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<b>J. Rogers Pope - R</b>	13	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Cleo Fields - D</b>	14					
<b>Regina Barrow - D</b>	15					
<b>Franklin Foil - R</b>	16					
<b>Caleb Seth Kleinpeter - R</b>	17					
<b>Eddie Lambert - R</b>	18	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Gary Smith - D</b>	19					
<b>Michael Fesi, Sr. - R</b>	20					
<b>Brett Allain - R</b>	21					
<b>Fred Mills - R</b>	22	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Page Cortez - R</b>	23					
<b>Gerald Boudreaux - D</b>	24					
<b>Mark Abraham - R</b>	25					
<b>Bob Hensgens - R</b>	26					
<b>Jeremy Stine - R</b>	27					
<b>Heather Cloud - R</b>	28					
<b>Jay Luneau - D</b>	29					
<b>Michael Reese - R</b>	30					
<b>Louie Bernard - R</b>	31	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Glen Womack - R</b>	32	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Stewart Cathey - R</b>	33					
<b>Katrina Jackson - D</b>	34	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Jay Morris - R</b>	35	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Robert Mills - R</b>	36					

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<b>Barry Milligan - R</b>	38					
<b>Greg Tarver - D</b>	39	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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