



LOUISIANA RETIRED
TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

SUMMER 2025

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF LEGISLATIVE WINS

KEEPING POLITICS OUT OF PENSIONS

If all you do is become an LRTA member for \$30 per year, you are advocating and protecting your retirement plan for current and future retirees.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR **LRTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



If all you do is join LRTA, your \$30 dues pay for continued advocacy and protection of your retirement benefits in a state and federal culture that wants to constantly reduce or eliminate public retirement plans.

Read through the following questions and make your decision to join the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association (LRTA) today.

Why join LRTA?

LRTA is the only state organization whose main purpose is to enhance and protect your state retirement plan through the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL). TRSL can advocate protection of the plan, but they cannot lobby actively because of state law. LRTA, as a nonprofit, has the authority to lobby on your behalf to protect and enhance your retirement benefits.

What do you mean when you say keeping politics out of pensions?

Although your retirement is currently protected in the Louisiana State Constitution, the legislature still has a measure of control over our benefits and periodically analyses the fiscal soundness of the system. They

often introduce legislation that could reduce the TRSL employer risk, politicizing how TRSL invests your contributions, and vote whether retirees receive Cost-of-Living-Adjustments (COLAs). Often the nature of these bills reflects the work of national think tanks that are not fans of public pensions. LRTA keeps a watchful eye on these potential bills, and you will see the kind of legislation LRTA has defeated on your behalf, later in this edition of the newsletter.

What does 10 years of pension wins mean?

When I started as Executive Director of LRTA 10 years ago, we began to see ramped-up attacks on our retirement plan. Additionally, even though we occasionally earned enough funding for COLAs, we still have to seek legislative approval before administering it through our retirement plan. Page 6 of this edition lists the types of bills we have opposed and supported successfully on your behalf.

LRTA has successfully opposed more than 30 bills that could have had a detrimental effect on your retirement plan. Also, we successfully secured two cost of living increases and changed the COLA law to where you will be receiving regular cost-of-living increases in the next few years. Finally, LRTA was instrumental in repealing the WEP/GPO provisions of Social Security, allowing nearly 97,000 citizens in our state to finally receive their full Social Security benefits.

If we have won all the battles then why should current and future retirees join LRTA?

We have won the battles, but we have not won the war! There will always be special interest groups focused on reducing pension costs through legislation that potentially reduces or endangers your benefits. It is essential that LRTA remains your watchdog and monitors both state and federal legislation to maintain the current benefit plans. We can only do that if funds are available to pay for those lobbying efforts.

Is there merit to changing retirement plans to limit employer liability?

Perhaps from a fiscal perspective there is some merit to limiting employer liability. However, public pensions are often a key to recruitment and retention of public employees, particularly when a person with the same degree and experience can make more money in the private sector.

What's on the horizon in terms of future battles regarding retirement?

There are still trends where special interest groups want to politicize the way TRSL invests retirement funds, often resulting in reduced revenue.

We may see targeting retirees that earn a benefit but potentially lose it if they return to their native countries. That would affect the way we recruit foreign language teachers in the CODOFIL program. These national special interest groups do not understand Louisiana culture, and the template used for specific retirement laws could have negative ramifications for our state retirees.

Also, there is talk about requiring all states to participate in Social

Security, which could put the current benefit plan through TRSL at risk.

I appreciate LRTA advocacy, but I don't really have the time or desire to participate in advocacy efforts. What do you mean if all I do is pay \$30 a year it protects my retirement plan?

Even if you do not participate in advocacy through attending meetings, writing letters, making phone calls, and/or attending legislative meetings, your dues help pay for those who do

participate. Additionally, dues pay for state lobbying efforts through the four staff members employed at LRTA. Ten years of wins merits and requires that we maintain those efforts. Your dues help to do that.

Additionally, we keep all of our members informed through our four newsletters published annually and through our website, social media, and email club. This allows you to participate at a level that you are comfortable with when deciding on involvement with LRTA.

Do your part and join LRTA's WINNING TEAM Today!

You can join online at <https://lrta.net/become-a-member/>. Please note that the payment portal operates through LRTA's PayPal account. You do NOT have to be a PayPal member for online payment.

Rodney R. Watson

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LRTA Executive Director



A MESSAGE FROM OUR LRTA STATE PRESIDENT



The Critical Role of LRTA

The Louisiana Retired Teachers Association (LRTA) plays an essential role in advocating for the rights and benefits of retired educators and future retirees. Membership in LRTA helps strengthen the Association's voice and influence, making it a powerful advocate for retirees. In my capacity as a Trustee for the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL), I recognize how crucial LRTA is in protecting and enhancing the retirement benefits for educators.

TRSL and LRTA: A Vital Relationship in Legislative Advocacy

TRSL is responsible for overseeing and administering the retirement benefit plan for Louisiana's educators. As a state agency, TRSL provides factual testimony to Louisiana's House and Senate committees on retirement-related legislation. However, TRSL is legally prohibited from lobbying on positions in support of or opposition to legislation. This is where LRTA steps in, grabbing the baton where TRSL's legal limitations end. LRTA bridges a gap by lobbying on behalf of current and future retirees, advocating for legislation that impacts retirees positively and opposing bills that may weaken the TRSL system. By interacting with

lawmakers and policymakers, LRTA ensures that the voices of retired educators are considered. The cooperative relationship between TRSL and LRTA underscores the importance of having a dedicated organization like LRTA championing the rights of retirees.

State and National Legislative Victories: The Impact of Collaboration and Building Coalitions

Two years ago, TRSL collaborated with Senator Ed Price to revamp state laws to make PBIs more predictable and consistent. LRTA supported the bill and helped secure its passage with backing from a coalition of the School Boards Association, Superintendents' Association, Principals' Association, LAE, and LFT, leading to an overwhelming victory.

LRTA also played a vital role in the national coalition to pass the Social Security Fairness Act, sponsored by former Congressman Garrett Graves. This bill revolutionized benefits for public servants by repealing the unfair WEP and GPO provisions of Social Security, enabling retirees to receive their full Social Security benefits.

Historically, LRTA has supported bills that enhance retirement, such as TRSL's DROP bill and the constitutional protections for our retirement that we currently enjoy. LRTA also fights against harmful bills that would negatively impact TRSL. For instance, this year LRTA opposed a bill that would have affected the management of TRSL assets, imposing new requirements and restrictions on companies investing TRSL assets. LRTA prevented this bill from being heard

in committee, a significant achievement in our activism efforts.

The Significance of LRTA Membership

The effectiveness of LRTA's advocacy hinges on its members. By joining LRTA, we contribute to efforts that maintain a strong retirement system. Membership in LRTA supports an organization that vigorously works for the well-being of all retired educators. As members, we are part of a powerful network of advocates who are committed to protecting and enhancing retirement benefits. Membership helps achieve legislative victories, guarantees that you receive the support and recognition you deserve, and ensures a bright future for all retirees.

Membership Matters: LRTA's Strength is in Numbers

Membership in LRTA fortifies the association's voice and influence in keeping our retirement benefits protected and free of legislative control. By joining, your membership supports the collective efforts to make a strong system stronger. Together, we can continue to accomplish legislative victories and ensure a prosperous future for all educators. Let us build upon the successes of LRTA and TRSL, ensuring our voices are heard in the halls of the Louisiana Legislature. Join LRTA today!

Clyde F. Hamner

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LRTA State President

10 YEARS OF LEGISLATIVE SUCCESSES

The information below represents a sampling of nearly 100 bills that LRTA has tracked over the last decade. It illustrates the types of bills that LRTA both supported and opposed with success over the last ten years.

LRTA WINS IN REVIEW

LRTA supported / bill passed

LRTA opposed / bill did NOT pass

✗ 2025	Senate Bill 7 → Investment Bill / Anti- Environment, Social & Governance (ESG). Legislation restricting the retirement system's ability to make investment and fiduciary decisions that could negatively affect the system's revenue returns
✗ 2024	Senate Bill 5 → Investment Bill / Anti- ESG (similar to Senate Bill 7)
✓ 2024	House Resolution 82 → Repeal of Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) & Government Pension Offset (GPO) Social Security offsets
✓ 2023	Senate Bill 18 → Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) reform, which provides for regular COLAs beginning 2029
✓ 2022	Senate Bill 6 → Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) approved
✗ 2021	Senate Bill 22 → Legislation that attempted to raise the age of retirement and years of service to 40 years
✓ 2020	House Bill 8 → Return to Work (RTW), allows more retirees to return to work with fewer restrictions
✗ 2019	House Bill 28 → Hybrid retirement plan that could have lowered benefits for new retirees. Several studies have shown switching from a Defined Benefit (DB) plan to a Defined Contribution (DC) plan/ Hybrid plan does not produce benefits greater than or equal to DB plans and that switching retirement plans could have increased the debt of the retirement plan
✗ 2018	House Bill 39 → Hybrid bill (similar to House Bill 28)
✗ 2017	House Bill 456 → Constitutional Convention bill that could have targeted retirement. NOTE → Since 1973, per Article X, Section 29 (A), the Louisiana Constitution has guaranteed lifetime retirement benefits to state retirees. A constitutional amendment or convention has the potential to remove this protection. Therefore, the state would no longer be required to pay retired teachers pensions (that they EARNED)
✓ 2016	Senate Bill 2 → Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) approved



Don't let this be your last newsletter!

Annual membership with LRTA runs from April 1 through March 31. This could be your last newsletter IF your \$30 dues for the 2025-2026 membership year (or \$12 for Associate Members) have not been paid. If you are uncertain about your membership status, contact the LRTA office at (225) 927-8837 or info@lrta.net.

The 2025 Regular Legislative session began on April 14 and ended on June 12. This year was a fiscal year, meaning that legislators were limited to five bills not related to taxes and revenue. Below are bills LRTA tracked involving retirement. Since you are receiving the e-newsletter, LRTA was able to include the FINAL status of the bills we tracked.

Investments Related/ Environment, Social, Governance (ESG)

Senate Bill 7 by Senator Valarie Hodges

The bill proposes to require fiduciaries for public retirement systems to make investment decisions based solely on financial factors. The bill requires that all investment decisions made by third-party service providers, defined as asset managers and proxy advisors, must be made using solely pecuniary factors. It also defines non-pecuniary factors to include factors aimed at furthering social, political, or ideological goals, objectives or outcomes.

It prohibits the use of non-pecuniary factors that include any action taken, or factor considered, with any purpose to further social, political, or ideological goals, objectives or outcomes.

LRTA opposed
Author did not run bill

Return to Work (RTW)

House Bill 20 by Rep. Pat Moore

The bill proposes to increase the annual earnings limit from 25% of their final average compensation to 50% for those retirees who retired on/after July 1, 2020, and select Option 1 (no benefit suspension) when returning to work.

LRTA neutral
Referred to the Committee on Retirement

Optional Retirement Plan (ORP)

House Bill 24 by Rep. Tony Bacala

The bill proposes to make changes to the terms of the Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) – a defined contribution plan by increasing the minimum employer contribution

- Expands ORP eligibility to technical college staff
- Would allow existing technical college staff to opt into the ORP.
- Extends the window for ORP participants to switch back to the TRSL Defined Benefit Plan

It also proposes to make changes to the terms of the TRSL Defined Benefit Plan (DBP) by allowing those who are 60+ years of age at first TRSL-eligible employment, or 55+ with 40 quarters in Social Security, to decline to join TRSL.

LRTA neutral
Bill passed

Supplemental Payment toward Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL)

House Bill 460 by Rep. Jack McFarland

The bill proposes to make supplemental appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

As amended, proposed supplemental appropriation to La. State Police Retirement: \$148,771,996

As amended, transfers a portion of mineral venue to TRSL: \$7,594

LRTA supported
Referred to the Legislative Bureau

Repeal of Mineral Revenue Dedication to Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL)

Substitute House Bill 678 (formerly HB 472) and adopted companion House Bill 683 (formerly HB 599) by Rep. Julie Emerson

The bill proposes to amend Article VII of the Louisiana Constitution related to revenue and use of funds. It would remove the dedication of mineral revenues to the Budget Stabilization Fund and increases funding cap to 7.5% of previous year's state revenue (from 4% in current constitution).

As amended, HB 678/ companion HB 683 both also call for the repeal of mineral dedications to the TRSL UAL.

HB 678 - effective if enacted through statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026; HB

599 – effective if HB 678 is approved by voters and takes effect

LRTA supported
Pending Senate Finance (HB 678) & Substitute bill approved (HB 683)

Additional Payments toward Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL)

House Bill 473 by Rep. Julie Emerson

The bill proposes to make changes in Article VII of the Louisiana Constitution related to protected funds and would add new Article VII, §10.17 relative to TRSL:

- Requires the State Treasurer to transfer to TRSL the balance of the following constitutionally established funds: Education Excellence Fund (EEF), Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund, and Louisiana Quality Education Support Fund
- Requires TRSL to apply the transferred funds to its debt schedules
- Amounts to be transferred would result in payment of the entirety of the original amortization base (OAB) and some or all of the experience account amortization base (EAAB)
- Provides that if such monies are insufficient to fully liquidate a debt schedule, it would require TRSL-participating employers to utilize net savings as provided in law (HB 466)
- Provides that the State Treasurer shall transfer liquidated fair market value to TRSL no later than April 1, 2027

Effective January 1, 2027 if enacted through statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026.

LRTA supported
Referred to Committee on Finance

Companion Legislation Related to Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) Payment

House Bill 466 by Rep. Josh Carlson

The bill requires each public school system to provide a permanent salary increase (plus any related benefits) of at least \$2,000 for certificated personnel and at least \$1,000 for non-certificated personnel, beginning with the 2027-28 school year.

It also requires each school system to fund the cost using the net savings realized from the reduction in its FY 2027-28 employer contribution rate due to a one-time payment of certain UAL schedules by the state.

The bill becomes effective if/when HB 473 is adopted at a statewide election and becomes effective.

LRTA neutral
Recommended to the Committee on Finance

Citizenship/Immigration Verification and Public Benefits

House Bill 307 by Rep. Chance Henry

The amended bill requires any state agencies that pay public benefits (such as retirement pensions) to verify whether an applicant, who applies for such benefits, is a citizen of the U.S. or a qualifying alien.

Upon the termination of any reasonable opportunity period to verify citizenship status or receipt of a final verification that indicates that the applicant is not a citizen or lacks satisfactory immigration status, it

proposed that the state agency or political subdivision shall:

- Refer the applicant's information and unsatisfactory immigration status to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and
- Terminate benefits
- Would require a state agency or political subdivision that administers benefits to annually (FYE) submit a report on the number of individuals whose benefits were terminated to the Senate President, Speaker of the House, Governor, and the legislative library.

As amended, requires annual report to be submitted to the La. Secretary of State.

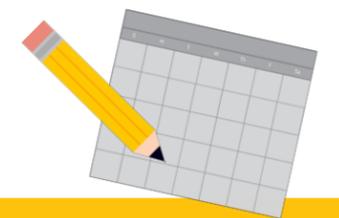
LRTA neutral
Referred to Committee Judiciary B

Task Force / Post Secondary Phased Retirement Program

House Bill 143 by Rep. Tony Bacala

The bill proposes to establish a task force to study a phased retirement program for Louisiana's public post-secondary education institutions. Study must be completed and submit finding to the House Retirement Committee by Dec. 31, 2025.

LRTA neutral
Sent to the Secretary of State



2026 Legislative Session:
March 9, 2026 - June 1, 2026

NOMINEES REQUESTED FOR STATE BOARD OFFICERS

The January 2026 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 in April 2026.

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 must 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 2025 Fall Meeting.

All prospective candidate information must be received in the LRTA office no later than August 15, 2025, but may be submitted at any time before that date. Prospect Sheets should be mailed to:

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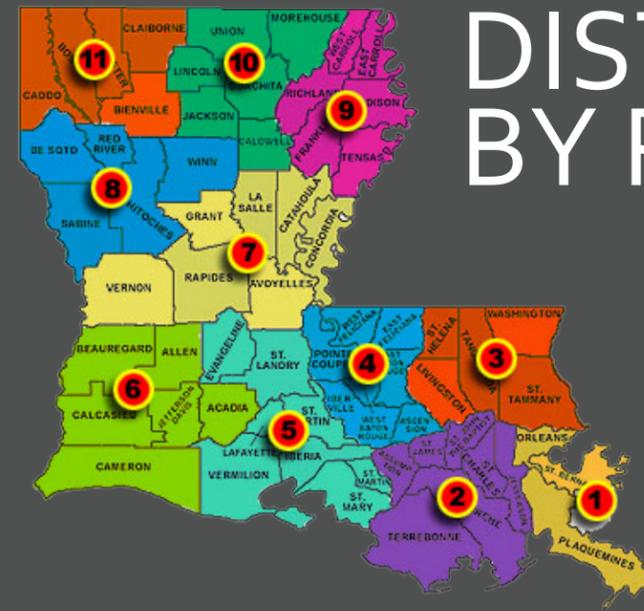
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District 4	Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana
District 5	Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Vermilion
District 6	Acadia, Allen, Beaugregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis
District 7	Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, Rapides, Vernon
District 8	DeSoto, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Winn
District 9	East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Richland, Tensas, West Carroll
District 10	Caldwell, Jackson, Lincoln, Morehouse, Ouachita, Union
District 11	Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, Webster

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February 1, 2025 - May 15, 2025

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Fall District Meetings

Tuesday, September 9: District II
Wednesday, September 10: District I
Thursday, September 11: District III

Monday, September 15: District IX
Tuesday, September 16: District X
Wednesday, September 17: District XI
Thursday, September 18: District VIII

Monday, September 22: District VII
Tuesday, September 23: District VI
Wednesday, September 24: District V
Thursday, September 25: District IV

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October 20-21, 2025

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