JUNE 30, 1998

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STATE OF LOUISIANA)

REPORT

21

.

•

هر _

٠

99200041 3551

OFFICIAL FILE COPY DO NOT SEND OUT (Xerox necessary copies from this copy and PLACE

BACK in FILS)

under provisions of state law, this report is a public document. A copy of the report has been submitted to the audited, or reviewed, entity and other suprepriate public officials. The report is available for public inspection at the Baton

Rouge office of the Legislative Auditor and, where appropriate, at the office of the parish clerk of court

Pelease Date DECO 2 1998

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STATE OF LOUISIANA)

TABLE OF CONTENTS

JUNE 30, 1998

PAGE

| INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT | 1 - 2 |
|---|--------|
| FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: | |
| Statement of Plan Net Assets | 3 |
| Statement of Changes in Plan Net Assets | 4 |
| Notes to Financial Statements | 5 - 12 |

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

-

٠

•

.

÷

-

| Statement of Changes in Reserve Balances - Retirement System Trust Fund | |
|--|--|
| Schedule of Investments | |
| Schedule of Administrative Expenses | |
| Schedule of Per Diem Paid Trustees | |
| Schedule of Contributions - Employer and Other Sources | |
| Notes to Schedule of Contributions | |
| INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH | |
| GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS | |

MICHAEL J. O'ROURKE, C.P.A. WILLIAM G. STAMM, C.P.A. CLIFFORD J. GIFFIN, JR., C.P.A.

-·· - - - - - - - - - · ·

DAVID J. MUMEREY, C.P.A. LINDSAY J. CALUB, C.P.A. GUY L. DUPLANTIER, C.P.A. BONNIE J. McAFEE, C.P.A. DAVID A. BURGARD, C.P.A. MICHELLE H. CUNNINGHAM, C.P.A. 1340 Poydras St., Suite 2000 • New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 586-8866 Fax (504) 525-5888

DUPLANTIER, HRAPMANN, HOGAN & MAHER, L.L.P.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

(Retired)

JAMES MALIER, JR., C.P.A.

A.J. DUPLANTIER, JR., C.P.A. (1919-1985) FELIX J. HRAPMANN, JR., C.P.A. (1919-1990) WILLIAM R. HOGAN, JR., C.P.A. (1920-1996)

MEMBERS AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS SOCIETY OF LA. C.P.A.'S

```
ASSOCIATE
KENNETH J. BROOKS, C.P.A.
```

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

September 15, 1998

Board of Trustees Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana P. O. Box 57 Jennings, Louisiana 70546

We have audited the accompanying statement of plan net assets of the Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System as of June 30, 1998, and the related statement of changes in plan net assets for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the System's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System as of June 30, 1998 and the results of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

We have audited the financial statements of the System for the year ending June 30, 1998 and issued our unqualified opinion on such financial statements. Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The required statistical information on pages 17 - 18 and the supplemental schedules listed on pages 13 - 16 are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a part of the basic financial statements. Such required statistical information for the years ending June 30, 1993 - 1998 and supplemental schedules for the year ending June 30, 1998 have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated September 15, 1998 on our consideration of the Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System's internal control over financial reporting and on its compliance with laws and regulations.

Auglantice, Hapman, Logan & maker LLP

-

- _-. ... · · · · · · · - - ----

-

-

•

....

- .. - -. --

.

-- ----

· · · _ . ._ . .. _

_ _ _ _ _ _ ____

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM STATEMENT OF PLAN NET ASSETS JUNE 30, 1998

ASSETS

| | RETIREMENT SYSTEM TRUST FUND | MEMBERS' SUPPLEMENTAL SAVINGS <u>TRUST FUND</u> | TOTAL (MEMORANDUM ONLY) |
|--|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| CASH: In bank (Note 6) | \$ 164,954 | \$ | \$ 164,954 |
| RECEIVABLES: Member contributions (Note 1) Investment receivable Accrued interest and dividends | 29,035 355,785 248,527 | 12,002 | 29,035 355,785 260,529 |
| Total receivables | 633,347 | 12,002 | 645,349 |

| INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE: (Page 14) | | | |
|---|------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| (Notes 1 and 6) Cash equivalents | 7,852,035 | 216,631 | 8,068,666 |
| Corporate bonds | 10,031,704 | | 10,031,704 |
| Government bonds | 6,448,704 | 781,511 | 7,230,215 |
| Marketable securities | 17,419,791 | ,01,011 | 17,419,791 |
| Total investments | 41,752,234 | 998,142 | 42,750,376 |
| FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT: (Notes 1 & 7) (Net of accumulated | | | |
| depreciation - \$18,747) | 2,275 | | 2,275 |
| Total assets | 42,552,810 | 1,010,144 | 43,562,954 |
| LIABILITIES: | | | |
| Cash - overdrafts | 100,000 | | 100,000 |
| | | | |
| | - | <u> </u> | 6.501 |
| Accounts payable | 6,501 | | 6,501 337.818 |
| | - | | 6,501 337,818 112 |

NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR PENSI BENEFITS

See accompanying notes.

•

-

-

-

•

\$ 42,108,379 \$ 1,010,144 \$ 43,118,523

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PLAN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

| ADDITIONS: (Note 1) | RETIREMENT SYSTEM TRUST FUND | MEMBERS' SUPPLEMENTAL SAVINGS TRUST FUND | TOTAL (MEMORANDUM ONLY) |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Contributions: | | | |
| Members | \$ 319,478 | \$ | \$ 319,478 |
| Tax revenue | 324,031 | 132,447 | 456,478 |
| Total contributions | 643,509 | 132,447 | 775,956 |
| Investment income: | | | |
| Net appreciation in fair | | | |
| value of investments | 3,119,553 | 4,547 | 3,124,100 |
| Interest | 1,481,222 | 50,727 | 1,531,949 |
| Dividends | 312,925 | | 312,925 |
| | 4,913,700 | 55,274 | 4,968,974 |
| Less: Investment advisory services | 125,719 | | 125,719 |
| Investment consulting fees | 24,688 | | 24,688 |
| Custodial fees | 20,673 | | 20,673 |
| Net investment income | 4,742,620 | 55,274 | 4,797,894 |
| Other additions: | | | |
| Miscellaneous income | 2,149 | | 2,149 |
| Transfer from other systems | 11,293 | | 11,293 |
| Total other additions | 13,442 | | 13,442 |
| Total additions | 5,399,571 | 187,721 | 5,587,292 |
| DEDUCTIONS: (Note 1) | | | |
| Pensions payments | 1,501,875 | 56,541 | 1,558,416 |
| Refund of contributions | 63,164 | | 63,164 |
| Transfer to other systems | 3,292 | | 3,292 |
| Administrative expenses (Page 15) | 74,791 | | 74,791 |
| Depreciation | 812 | | 812 |
| Total deductions | 1,643,934 | 56,541 | 1,700,475 |
| NET INCREASE | 3,755,637 | 131,180 | 3,886,817 |
| PLAN NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR | 38,352,742 | 878,964 | 39,231,706 |

PLAN NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR







See accompanying notes.

.

•

٠

-

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 1998

The Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System was established as of January 1, 1955 by Act 215 of 1954, under R.S. Title 11:2032, as amended, for the purpose of providing retirement allowances and other benefits for registrars of voters, their deputies and their permanent employees in each parish of the State of Louisiana. The fund is administered by a board of trustees. Benefits, including normal retirement, early retirement, disability retirements and death benefits, are provided as specified in the plan.

1. <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:</u>

The Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System prepares its financial statements in accordance with the standards established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) as the successor to the National Council on Governmental Accounting (NCGA).

Basis of Accounting:

Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Employee contributions are recognized in the period in which the employee is compensated for services performed. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan.

Interest income is recognized when earned. Ad valorem taxes and revenue sharing monies are recognized in the year appropriated by the Legislature.

Method Used to Value Investments:

Investments are reported at fair value. Short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. Securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates.

Furniture and Equipment:

Furniture and equipment of the System are accounted for and capitalized in the Pension Fund. Depreciation of fixed assets is recorded as an expense in the Pension Fund. All fixed assets are valued on the basis of historical cost and depreciated using the straight-line method of depreciation.

Memorandum Only Column:

The total columns on the Statement of Plan Net Assets and Statement of Changes

in Plan Net Assets are captioned memorandum only to indicate that they are presented to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data. REGISTRARS OF VOTERS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 1998

2. <u>PLAN DESCRIPTION</u>:

The Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System is the administrator of a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan (Retirement System Trust Fund) and a Savings Plan (Members' Supplemental Savings Trust Fund). The System was established on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-five for the purpose of providing retirement allowances and other benefits as stated under the provisions of R.S. Title 11:2032, as amended, for registrars of voters, their deputies and their permanent employees in each parish. At June 30, 1998, statewide retirement membership consists of:

Current retirees and beneficiaries111Terminated vested members not yet
receiving benefits19Fully vested, partially vested, and
nonvested active employees covered191DROP participants15

PAGE 6

Total participants as of the valuation date

<u>336</u>

Retirement System Trust Fund:

Any member is eligible for normal retirement after he has 20 years of creditable service and is age 55 or has 10 years of creditable service and is age 60. Any member with 30 years of creditable service regardless of age may retire. Regular retirement benefits are 3% of the average final compensation (average monthly earnings during the highest 36 consecutive months) multiplied by the number of his years of creditable service, not to exceed 100% of his average final compensation.

Any member whose withdrawal from service occurs prior to his attaining the age of sixty years, who shall have completed twelve or more years of creditable service and shall not have received a refund of his accumulated contributions, shall become eligible for a deferred allowance beginning upon his attaining the age of sixty years.

Disability benefits are awarded to active contributing members with at least 10 years of service established in the System and who have been officially certified as disabled by the State Medical Disability Board. The disabled member who has attained the age of sixty years shall be entitled to a regular retirement allowance. The disabled member who has not yet attained age sixty shall be entitled to a disability benefit equal to the lessor of three percent of his average final compensation multiplied by the number of creditable years of service (not to be less than fifteen years) or three percent of average final compensation multiplied by the years of service assuming continued service to age sixty. Disability benefits

may not exceed two-thirds of earnable compensation.

If a member who has less than five years of credited service dies due to any cause other than injuries sustained in the performance of his official duties, his accumulated contributions are paid to his designated beneficiary. If the member has five or more years of credited service, and is not eligible to retire, automatic option 2 benefits are payable to the surviving spouse. These benefits are based REGISTRARS OF VOTERS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 1998

2. <u>PLAN DESCRIPTION</u>: (Continued)

on the retirement benefits accrued at the member's date of death with option 2 factors used as if the member had continued in service to earliest normal retirement age. If a member has no surviving spouse and the member has five or more years of creditable service, the surviving minor children under 18 or disabled children shall be paid 80% of the accrued retirement benefit in equal shares until the age of majority or for the duration of the handicap for a handicapped child. Upon the death of any former member with 10 or more years of service, automatic option 2 benefits are payable to the surviving spouse. In lieu of periodic payments, the surviving spouse or children may receive a refund of the member's accumulated contributions.

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement allowance, any member with eleven or more years of service at age sixty-one, twentyone or more years of service at age fifty-six, or thirty-one or more years of service at any age may elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for up to three years and defer the receipt of benefits. Upon commencement of participation in the plan, membership in the System terminates. During participation in the plan, employer contributions are payable but employee contributions cease. The monthly retirement benefits that would have been payable, had the person elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the DROP fund. This fund does not earn interest. In addition, no cost of living increases are payable to participants until employment which made them eligible to become members of the System has been terminated for at least one full year.

PAGE 7

Upon termination of employment prior to or at the end of the specified period of participation, a participant in the plan may receive, at his option, a lump sum from the account equal to the payments into the account, a true annuity based upon his account balance in that fund, or any other method of payment if approved by the Board of Trustees. The monthly benefits that were being paid into the Deferred Retirement Option Plan fund will begin to be paid to the retiree. If the participant dies during the participation in the plan, a lump sum equal to his account balance in the plan fund shall be paid to his named beneficiary or, if none, to his estate. If employment is not terminated at the end of the three years, payments into the plan fund cease and the person resumes active contributing membership in the System.

The Retirement System Trust Fund is financed by employee contributions of 7% of earnable compensation. In addition, each sheriff and ex-officio tax collector remits the employer's share of the actuarially required contribution to fund the System up to a maximum of one-sixteenth of one percent of the aggregate amount of the tax shown to be collected by the tax roll of each respective parish. Should employee contributions and tax monies be insufficient to fund the System as required by R.S. 11:22 employers contribute the additional amount.



The Members' Supplemental Savings Trust Fund was established by LRS 11:2139 as a defined contribution plan. All registrars of voters, their deputies and active permanent employees participate in the plan. As of June 30, 1998 there are 206 participants in the plan.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 1998

2. <u>PLAN DESCRIPTION</u>: (Continued)

<u>Members' Supplemental Savings Trust Fund</u>: (Continued)

In accordance with state statute funds contributed to the System in excess of those required contributions to the Retirement Fund employer reserve, as established by the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee, are deposited in the Members' Supplemental Savings Fund. The amount of funds deposited with the Members' Supplemental Savings Fund is three percent of the salaries paid during the preceding fiscal year to members who were still employed by the employer at the end of the fiscal year unless the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee recommends a lessor percentage based on available funds and the requirements of the Defined Benefit Plan. As of June 30, 1998 there were 70 employers participating in the plan.

Should any member of the System terminate membership in the System due to resignation, retirement, disability, death, or for any other reason involving termination of employment, he shall be entitled to payment of all contributions and interest or other earnings or losses credited to his account as of the date of payment, provided he remains out of service until such time as the payments are required to be paid. Payment to the member is made at the end of the calendar quarter following the quarter in which the member terminates.

Interest, dividends and realized gains or losses shall be allocated at least once each year on the valuation date or dates of the fund. Such earnings or losses shall be allocated to members in proportion to their account balances as of the first day of the period for which the earnings are credited, reduced by any distribution from such account during the valuation period.

3. <u>CONTRIBUTIONS AND RESERVES</u>:

Contributions:

Contributions for all members are established by state statute at 7.0% of earnable compensation. The contribution is deducted from the member's salary and remitted by the participating registrar.

Contribution requirements for all employers are actuarially determined. Employer contributions are not considered necessary since ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing are more than sufficient to pay the employer's actuarial costs. Should employee contributions and tax monies be insufficient to fund the System as required by R.S. 11:22 employers contribute the additional amount. In accordance with state statute the fund receives 1/30 of 1% of ad valorem taxes collected within the respective parishes and state revenue sharing funds. These additional sources

of income are used as employer contributions.

Administrative costs of the System are financed through ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing monies.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 1998

3. <u>CONTRIBUTIONS AND RESERVES</u>: (Continued)

Reserves:

Use of the term "reserve" by the System indicates that a portion of the fund balance is legally restricted for a specific future use. The nature and purpose of the reserves are explained below:

A) <u>Deferred Retirement Option Plan</u>:

The Deferred Retirement Option Account consists of the reserves for all members who upon eligibility elect to deposit into this account an amount equal to the member's monthly benefit if he had retired. A member can only participate in the program for three years, and upon termination may receive his benefits in a lump sum payment or by a true annuity. The Deferred Retirement Option Account as of June 30, 1998 is \$865,600. The Deferred Retirement Option Account is fully funded.

B) <u>Annuity Savings</u>:

The Annuity Savings is credited with contributions made by members of the System. When a member terminates his service, or upon his death before qualifying for a benefit, the refund of his contributions is made from this fund. If a member dies and there is a survivor who is eligible for a benefit, the amount of the member's accumulated contributions is transferred from the Annuity Savings to the Annuity Reserve. When a member retires, the amount of his accumulated contributions is transferred to the Annuity Reserve to provide part of the benefits payable from that fund. The Annuity Savings as of June 30, 1998 is \$2,931,555. The Annuity Savings is fully funded.

C) <u>Pension Accumulation</u>:

The Pension Accumulation consists of contributions paid by employers, interest earned on investments and any other income not covered by other accounts. This fund is charged annually with an amount, determined by the actuary, to be transferred to the Annuity Reserve to fund retirement benefits for existing recipients. It is also relieved when expenditures are not covered by other accounts. The Pension Accumulation as of June 30, 1998 is \$21,666,323. The Pension Accumulation is fully funded.

D) <u>Annuity Reserve</u>:

The Annuity Reserve consists of the reserves for all pensions, excluding cost-of-living increases, granted to members and is the fund from which such pensions and annuities are paid. Survivors of deceased beneficiaries also receive benefits from this fund. The Annuity Reserve as of June 30, 1998 is \$13,366,315. The Annuity Reserve is fully funded.

- ...--...

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 1998

3. <u>CONTRIBUTIONS AND RESERVES</u>: (Continued)

<u>Reserves</u>: (Continued)

E) <u>Members' Supplemental Savings</u>:

The Members' Supplemental Savings consists of contributions from the dedicated taxes to the System in excess of those required contributions to the Pension Accumulation, not to exceed three percent of the salaries paid during the fiscal year preceding the year in which funds are received. Upon termination a member is entitled to payment of all contributions and earnings credited to his account in the fund. The Members' Supplemental Savings as of June 30, 1998 is \$1,010,144. The Members' Supplemental Savings is fully funded.

4. ACTUARIAL COST METHOD:

The Aggregate Cost Method was used to calculate the funding requirements of the Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1998. This funding method allocates pension costs as a level percentage of payroll over the future working lifetime of current members. The Aggregate Cost Method produces no unfunded accrued liability. Under the Aggregate Cost Method, actuarial gains and losses are spread over future normal costs. Based on actual experience, future normal costs will increase or decrease.

5. <u>REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES:</u>

Information in the required supplemental schedules is designed to provide information about the System's progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits and is presented on pages 17 - 18.

6. <u>DEPOSITS, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS</u>:

Following are the components of the System's deposits, cash equivalents and investments at June 30, 1998:

| | RETIREMENT SYSTEM <u>TRUST FUND</u> | MEMBERS' SUPPLEMENTAL SAVINGS <u>TRUST FUND</u> | <u>10tal</u> |
|-------------------------|---|--|--------------|
| Deposits (Bank balance) | \$73,828 | \$ | \$73,828 |
| Cash equivalents | 7,852,035 | 216,631 | 8,068,666 |
| Investments | <u>33,900,199</u> | 781,511 | 34,681,710 |





-

-

The System's bank deposits were entirely covered by Federal depository insurance.

- -----

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 1998

6. DEPOSITS, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS: (Continued)

Cash Equivalents:

The System has cash equivalents totaling \$8,068,666 which consist of government backed pooled funds. The government backed pooled funds are held and managed by a separate money manager and are in the name of the System's custodian's trust department.

Investments:

Statutes authorize the System to invest under the Prudent-Man Rule. The Prudent-Man Rule shall require each fiduciary of a retirement system and each board of trustees acting collectively on behalf of the system to act with care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances prevailing that a prudent institutional investor acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims. Notwithstanding the Prudent-Man Rule, the system shall not invest more than fiftyfive percent of the total portfolio in common stock. However, the System's internal investment policy states that the System shall not invest more than forty five percent of the total portfolio in common stock.

The System's investments are categorized below to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the entity at year-end. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the System or its agents in the System's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the broker's or dealer's trust department or agent in the System's name. Category 3 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the broker or dealer, or by its trust department or agent but not in the System's name.

| | RETIREMENT SYSTEM TRUST FUND <u>MARKET VALUE</u> | MEMBERS' SUPPLEMENTAL SAVINGS TRUST FUND MARKET VALUE | <u>total</u> | <u>CATEGORY</u> |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|-----------------|
| Bonds Marketable securities | \$16,480,408 <u>17,419,791</u> \$33,900,199 | \$781,511 \$ <u>781,511</u> | \$17,261,919 <u>17,419,791</u> \$ <u>34,681,710</u> | 1 1 |

7. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT:

Change in furniture and equipment consist of the following:

Beginning balance \$ 21,022



Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 1998 was \$812.

1011111

PAGE 12

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 1998

8. USE OF ESTIMATES:

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

• .

·· · -

-

_ _ _ _ _

| | REGISTRARS OF SIATEMENT STATEMENT RET RET | | OF VOTERS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SY SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION ENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVE BALANCES RETIREMENT SYSTEM TRUST FUND R THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998 | r system ces | | |
|---|---|--------------------|---|-------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| | ANNUITY SAVINGS | ANNUITY RESERVE | DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN | PENSION ACCUMULATION | SURPLUS ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY | TOTAL |
| ING | \$ 2,912,567 | \$ 12,586,296 | \$ 635,957 | \$ 20,419,594 | \$ 1,798,328 | \$ 38,352,742 |
| | 319,478 | | | 4,742,620 | | 319,478 4,742,620 324,031 |
| rerreu trom | | { | 270.844 | ł | 1 | 84 |
| Annuity Savings | 1 | 237,326 | | 9 H B | 1,480,258 | 237,326 3.754.469 |
| i another system income | | · · · · | | 8,001 2,149 | | 8,00 2,14 |
| enues | 319,478 | 2,511,537 | 270,844 | 5,076,801 | 1,480,258 | 9,658,918 |
| D TRANSFERS: nbers nnuity Reserve | 63,164 237,326 | 1.460.674 | 41.201 | | | 63,164 237,326 1,501,875 |
| expense | | • | | 74,791 | - | 74 |
| പ | 1 | | | 812 | 1 | 81 |
| rerred to DRUP Isfer | | 2/0,844 | | 3,754,469 | | 3,754,469 |
| nditures | 300,490 | 1,731,518 | 41,201 | 3,830,072 | | 5,903,281 |
| ECREASE) | 18,988 | 780,019 | 229,643 | 1,246,729 | 1,480,258 | 3,755,637 |
| (7) | \$ 2,931,555 | \$ 13,366,315 | \$ 865,600 | \$ 21,666,323 | \$ 3,278,586 | \$ 42,108,379 |

-- - - - -

N L L N > U

.

-- -- - - - - -

____ . . .

EXPENDITURES AND T Refunds to membe Transfer to Annu Pensions paid Administrative e Depreciation exp Pensions tranfer Actuarial transf Employee contrib Net investment i Parish tax colle Parish tax colle Pension transfer Annuity Reserv Aransfer from An Actuarial transf Actuarial transf Miscellaneous in ENDING BEGINN revei REVENUES AND TRA Total expen NET INCREASE (DE Total BALANCE -I BALANCE

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

| | PAR VALUE | ORIGINAL COST | MARKET VALUE |
|--|--------------|------------------|-----------------|
| BONDS - TRUST FUNDS: Government obligations | \$ 6,804,757 | \$ 6,329,895 | \$ 6,448,704 |
| Corporate obligations | 9,945,894 | 9,865,426 | 10,031,704 |
| TOTAL | 16,750,651 | 16,195,321 | 16,480,408 |
| BONDS - MEMBERS' SUPPLEMENTAL SAVINGS TRUST FUND: | | | |
| Government obligations | 775.000 | 765,801 | 781.511 |

auvernment obrigations

775,000

705,001 701,511

10TAL BONDS

\$ 17,525,651

\$ 16,961,122 \$ 17,261,919

MARKETABLE SECURITIES -TRUST FUNDS

\$ 13,128,909 \$ 17,419,791

.

-

-

-

-

-

· · · · · **-** · · ·

·· ·· ··· ··· · · · · · · · · ·

.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

| PERSONAL SERVICES: Staff salaries Board member - per diem | \$ 28,145 3,000 | |
|---|--------------------|--------|
| | \$ | 31,145 |
| PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: | | |
| Accountant | 8,460 | |
| Actuarial | 16,982 | |
| Legal | 675 | |
| | | 26,117 |
| COMMUNICATIONS: | | |
| Telephone | 2,172 | |

| Travel |
|--------|
|--------|

-

.

-

.

6,929

OTHER: Bank charges

Utilities Fidelity bond premium Office expense

566 459 140 5,764

TOTAL EXPENSES

74,791 \$ ÷

- -

-

.

PAGE 16

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF PER DIEM PAID TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

| TRUSTEE | NUMBER OF MEETINGS | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Debbie Waskom | 7 | \$ 525 |
| Edwin L. McGehee | 7 | 525 |
| Joanell L. Wilson | 4 | 300 |
| Golda Ensminger | 3 | 225 |
| Nathaniel Bankston | 7 | 525 |
| | | |

| Robert Poche | 7 | 525 |
|--------------|---|-----------------|
| Sue Manning | 5 | <u> </u> |
| | | \$ <u>3,000</u> |

-

.

٠

•

•

-

.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS - EMPLOYER AND OTHER SOURCES JUNE 30, 1993 THROUGH 1998

.....

| FISCAL <u>YEAR</u> | ACTUARIAL REQUIRED CONTRIBUTIONS <u>EMPLOYER</u> | ACTUARIAL REQUIRED CONTRIBUTIONS OTHER SOURCES | PERCENT CONTRIBUTED <u>EMPLOYER</u> | PERCENT CONTRIBUTED OTHER SOURCES |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 1993 | \$ | \$ 287,517 | | 100.46 |
| 1994 | B+ F - | 256,194 | | 104.83 |
| 1995 | ₩ | 531,288 | | 99.49 |
| 1996 | | 382,442 | - - | 105.25 |
| 1997 | | 416,253 | | 101.72 |
| 1998 | | 328,532 | | 98.63 |

.

•

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS JUNE 30, 1993 THROUGH 1998

The information presented in the Schedule of Contributions - Employer and Other was determined as part of the actuarial valuations at the dates indicated. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

Valuation Date

Actuarial Cost Method

Asset Valuation Method:

June 30, 1998

Aggregate Actuarial Cost Method

Based on the market value adjusted to smooth realized and unrealized gains (losses) over a three year period by deferring one-third of such gains accrued in the prior fiscal year and two thirds of such gains accrued in the current fiscal year.

Actuarial Assumptions:

Investment Rate of Return Projected Salary Increases Cost of Living Adjustments

8% 7.0% (3.25% Inflation, 3.75% Merit) The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the system and includes previously granted cost of living increases. Future cost of living increases are only granted if specific target ratios are met and excess interest earnings are available to fund the cost of the benefit increase.

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

The actuarial value of assets was changed from an adjusting market value with a two year smoothing of realized and unrealized capital gains and losses to three year smoothing of such gains and losses. The effect of the change resulted in a decrease in actuarial value of assets by \$1,718,809.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

September 15, 1998

Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana P.O. Box 57 Jennings, Louisiana 70546

We have audited the financial statements of Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System, as of and for the year ended June 30, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated September 15, 1998. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

<u>Compliance</u>

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the Board of Trustees, management, and the Legislative Auditor. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Duplantice, Hapmann, Hogan & Maher LP