

Governor except in the case of a State institution, when it shall be approved by the head of the department having supervision over the institution;

(5) Subscribe to periodicals, magazines or newspapers, or purchase books or take memberships in independent organizations or societies having related functions, but all such memberships shall be approved by the Governor.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 24th day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 391

AN ACT

To further amend section 11 of the act, approved the twentieth day of May, one thousand nine hundred fifteen (Pamphlet Laws 566), entitled "An act requiring cities of the first class to establish a pension fund for employes of said cities, and all county or other public employes, if any, paid by appropriation of the city councils thereof, and out of the treasury of said cities; and regulating the administration and the payment of such pensions," by further regulating credit for service with a school district of the first class for members of a first class city pension fund.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Pensions—Cities of the first class.

Section 1. Section 11 of the act, approved the twentieth day of May, one thousand nine hundred fifteen (Pamphlet Laws 566), entitled "An act requiring cities of the first class to establish a pension fund for employes of said cities, and all county or other public employes, if any, paid by appropriation of the city councils thereof, and out of the treasury of said cities; and regulating the administration and the payment of such pensions," as last amended by the act, approved the twenty-ninth day of September, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1626), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 11, act of May 20, 1915, P. L. 566, as last amended by act of September 29, 1951, P. L. 1626, further amended.

Section 11. The time of service herein specified, namely, twenty years, or in case of the lesser pension, fifteen years or more but less than twenty years, shall be computed from the time of the first or original employment; said employment to consist of service either to such cities or to the county, or other public service paid out of the city treasury, or both, as aforesaid, and need not be continuous: Provided, That in no case shall a period of more than eighteen years be credited to the service record of any person or persons who shall be

Computation of time of service.

Proviso.

employed after the passage of this act, and who shall have been employed by the said cities prior to the passage of this act. No pensions shall be paid under the provisions of this act, however, until after January first, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

[The time of service shall include service with a school district of the first class coterminous with the city or county of the first class if the person claiming such credit shall, within one year after joining the pension fund, pay into the fund the contributions he or she would have paid had he or she been employed during the same years by the city or county at the same salary received from the school district.]

Credit for service with a school district of the first class further regulated.

*The time of service shall include twenty thirty-fifths of service with a school district of the first class coterminous with the city or county of the first class if the person claiming such credit shall, within one year after the effective date of this amendment, or within one year after joining the pension fund in the case of any person who may hereafter join the pension fund, pay into the fund the contributions he or she would have paid had he or she been employed during the period of credited service by the city or county at the same salary received from the school district. In no case shall credited service with a school district exceed ten years.*

"Month of service" defined.

For the purpose of determining the total number of years or months of service or contribution under this act, any period of fifteen days or more but less than a month beyond the total number of full months shall be considered a "month of service."

Construction of act.

Section 2. Nothing contained in this amending act shall be construed to affect the power of a city of the first class, or the powers or duties of a board, department, or the council thereof, to provide and administer pension and retirement systems covering officers and employes of the city, as provided by and authorized and directed under the Home Rule Charter of such city.

APPROVED—The 24th day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 392

AN ACT

To further amend the act, approved the tenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 30), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," by changing the conditions under which