

from the time of his or her retirement; or he or she may elect to receive the full amount of the accumulated deductions standing to his or her individual credit in the annuity savings account; or he or she may, on superannuation retirement, elect to receive the actuarial equivalent at that time of his or her member's annuity, State annuity, or retirement allowance, in a lesser member's annuity, or a lesser State annuity, or a less retirement allowance, payable throughout life, with the provisions that—

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Act effective immediately.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 7th day of September, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 145

AN ACT

Amending the act of March seven, one thousand nine hundred one (Pamphlet Laws 20), entitled "An act for the government of cities of the second class," authorizing cities to abolish the office of collector of delinquent city taxes where the same now exists; providing for the collection of such taxes by the city treasurers or by clerks and employes appointed by him and the payment of compensation and expenses therefor; authorizing city treasurers to appoint clerks and employes for tax collection purposes; designating the fund into which the interest and penalties shall be paid; transferring employes from the office of the delinquent tax collector to the city treasurer's office; and making said employes eligible to join, and granting them certain credits upon joining, the city retirement system.

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

Article V, act of March 7, 1901, P. L. 20, amended by adding four new sections.

Section 1. Article V, act of March seven, one thousand nine hundred one (Pamphlet Laws 20), entitled "An act for the government of cities of the second class," is amended by adding at the end thereof four new sections to read:

Article V.

Department of Collector of Delinquent Taxes

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Office of collector of delinquent taxes in cities of the second class may be abolished by ordinance without abatement of delinquent taxes, penalties or interest.

Section 2. Wherever the office of collector of delinquent taxes now exists in any city of the second class by virtue either of any general, special or local act, the office may be abolished by ordinance of such cities. The collectors of delinquent taxes, who shall, upon the effective date of any such ordinance, have in their possession a warrant or warrants for the collection of delinquent taxes that are not fully executed, shall continue to collect such

taxes with the same powers as heretofore and shall receive therefor the same compensation. None of the interest or penalties for delinquent payments of taxes imposed under the provisions of existing laws, whether as compensation to the delinquent tax collectors or otherwise, shall be abated or otherwise affected by the provisions of any such ordinance, but the full amount of the same shall be collected as hereinafter provided and paid into the city fund of the city treasury for the use of the city, unless abated by other legislation heretofore or hereafter enacted.

Section 3. Any such ordinance abolishing the office of collector of delinquent taxes in any city of the second class shall provide that the treasurer of the city shall collect all delinquent city taxes, interest and penalties, and shall have all powers of delinquent tax collectors in cities of such class under the provisions of existing laws, and for such purpose the city treasurers in cities of the second class may appoint clerks and employes whose positions shall be established and the compensation therefor fixed as prescribed by law for similar employes in the department of the city treasurer. The city treasurer shall receive no additional compensation for the collection of delinquent taxes.

The ordinance shall provide for the transfer of such duties to the city treasurer with power of appointment of clerks and employes and without extra compensation for collection of delinquent taxes.

Section 4. Concurrently with or subsequent to abolishing the office of collector of delinquent taxes, the council in cities of the second class shall, at the cost of the city, provide for and pay the compensation of the clerks and employes appointed by the city treasurer for the collection of delinquent taxes as hereinabove provided, and shall also furnish the city treasurer at the cost of the city with office space, office furniture, equipment, supplies, books of record, stationery, postage and pay all other necessary expense in connection with the collection of such delinquent city taxes.

Council shall provide for pay of clerks and employes, and for office space and supplies.

Section 5. All clerks and employes employed in the office of the collector of delinquent city taxes, abolished by ordinance pursuant to this act, shall be transferred to and become employes of the city treasurer's office. All such clerks and employes shall become eligible to membership in the retirement system established for city employes, and shall be entitled to receive credit in the retirement system as city employes for all years of service in the office of the collector of delinquent taxes upon payment into the retirement fund of a sum equal to the amount such persons would have paid into such fund, if they had joined the retirement system at the time the same was established if then employed in the office of the delinquent tax collector, or if employed first at a

Clerks and employes are eligible for retirement system upon performance of certain conditions.

later date than a sum equal to the amount such persons would have paid into such fund from the time they were first so employed.

General repeal.

Section 2. All acts and parts of acts general, local and special are repealed in so far as they are inconsistent herewith.

Act effective immediately.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 7th day of September, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 146

AN ACT

Amending the act of May one, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 905), entitled "An act for the protection of the public safety; regulating the use of highways, and the operation of vehicles, tractors, street cars, trackless trolley omnibuses, bicycles, pedestrians, and the riding of animals upon the highways of this Commonwealth; providing for the titling, including liens, encumbrances, and legal claims; registration of certain vehicles and licensing the operators thereof, upon payment of prescribed fees; prescribing and limiting the powers of local authorities to deal with the subject matter of this act; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, the Department of Highways, peace officers, mayors, burgesses, magistrates, aldermen, justices of the peace, the courts and the clerks thereof, owners of vehicles, and garage keepers; providing that records are admissible as evidence; imposing upon owners, counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, townships, within the Commonwealth, liability for damages caused by the negligent operation of their motor vehicles; imposing penalties; imposing certain costs upon counties; providing for the disposition of fines, forfeitures, fees, and miscellaneous receipts; making an appropriation and providing for refunds," prescribing the maximum width of motor buses and motor omnibuses and regulating their operation on certain highways.

The "Vehicle Code".

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

Subsection (a), section 908, act of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, added July 25, 1953, P. L. 554, amended.

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section nine hundred eight, act of May one, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 905), known as the "Vehicle Code," added July twenty-five, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 554), is amended to read:

Section 908. Motor Buses and Motor Omnibuses; Size and Loads.—(a) Two axle motor buses and motor omnibuses shall not exceed a total maximum length of four hundred twenty (420) inches and three axle motor