

the amount of the regular pension which he would have been entitled to receive if he had retired from service in the city and as of August 1, 1953, and having earned for the past five (5) years the average rate of pay received during the last five (5) years of his actual employment. Such additional annuity payments shall begin on the date on which the regular monthly pension payment is next due after such contribution and interest have been paid.]

APPROVED—The 1st day of February, A. D. 1956.

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No. 308

AN ACT

Amending the act of July twenty-eight, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 723), entitled "An act relating to counties of the second class; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," further providing for and changing the provisions of the act relating to employes' retirement system and the powers, duties and liabilities of the county, the county institution district and the retirement board relative thereto, and the rights, privileges and limitations of employes and beneficiaries under the retirement system.

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

Second Class
County Code.

Section 1. Subsection (c) of section one thousand seven hundred ten and subsections (a) and (d) of section one thousand seven hundred twelve, act of July twenty-eight, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 723), known as the "Second Class County Code," amended May thirty-one, one thousand nine hundred fifty-five (Pamphlet Laws 111), are amended to read:

Subsection (c),
section 1710, and
subsections (a)
and (d), section
1712, act of July
28, 1953, P. L.
725, amended
May 31, 1955,
P. L. 111, further
amended.

Section 1710. Employes Eligible for Retirement Allowances.—

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(c) A person who became a county employe through the consolidation of a city institution district with a county institution district may have the period of his or her city employment credited as a county employe for all purposes under this article: Provided, That said person, between the twenty-second day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-five, and the twenty-second day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-

six, shall have paid into the retirement fund the amount which he or she would have been required to pay into the said fund if such person had been a county employe from the date of his or her original employment with the city: And further provided, That the city by which the said person was formerly employed shall have paid into the retirement fund an amount equal to that paid into the said fund by the said person in accordance with the provisions of this article. *Any present county institution district employe who, prior to the twenty-second day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-five, was a city institution district employe and who did not make payments for previous service credit as a county employe between the aforesaid period of time as herein provided, may, prior to the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred fifty-six, make application to the board and, upon approval thereof, shall pay into the retirement fund a sum equal to twice the payment which such person would have been required to pay into the said fund had such person been a county employe from the date of his or her original employment with the city. In addition thereto, interest at the legal rate shall be paid from the date when such monthly payment would have been made. Both principal and interest shall be paid into the retirement fund at one time and in one amount or, upon approval of the board, both principal and interest shall be consolidated into one amount and paid in twelve or less equal monthly installments, plus interest payment on monthly balances. Full payment thereof shall be a condition precedent to the county employe being eligible to receive the benefits of the retirement *allowances.*

No person shall be eligible to receive the benefits for prior service under this subsection, who is a member of a retirement or pension system of any city of the second class.

If such county employe leaves the employ of the county institution district before he or she shall be eligible to receive the benefit of the retirement allowances, a refund of his or her contributions as paid into the retirement fund shall be made in accordance with the provisions of section 1714.

Section 1712. Amount of Retirement Allowances.—

(a) The retirement allowance paid under the provisions of this article shall equal fifty per centum of the amount which would constitute the average monthly compensation as received by the county employe during

* "allowances" in original.

the last twenty-four months in which period of time the said county employe made monthly contributions into the retirement fund prior to his or her retirement. No retirement allowance shall be computed on a monthly compensation in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500), nor shall a retirement allowance be paid for a fraction of a service year.

After the effective date of this amendment, certain former county employes who are now receiving a retirement allowance shall receive an increase of a certain per centum of such retirement allowance, which sum shall be computed on the average monthly retirement allowance as heretofore authorized by the board.

The per centum of increase in said monthly retirement allowance shall be as indicated in the following schedule, to-wit:

	<i>Monthly Rate of increase.</i>
<i>Persons receiving \$20.00, but less than \$40.00,</i>	<i>50 per centum.</i>
<i>Persons receiving 40.00, but less than 50.00,</i>	<i>40 per centum.</i>
<i>Persons receiving 50.00, but less than 60.00,</i>	<i>30 per centum.</i>
<i>Persons receiving 60.00, but less than 70.00,</i>	<i>20 per centum.</i>
<i>Persons receiving 70.00, but less than 80.00,</i>	<i>10 per centum.</i>
<i>Persons receiving 80.00, but less than 90.00,</i>	<i>5 per centum.</i>

No person who is reemployed as a county employe shall be eligible to receive the benefit of a retirement allowance plus a service increment if any, until he or she shall have made at least twelve monthly contributions into the retirement fund subsequent to his or her reemployment.

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(d) Retirement allowance plus a service increment if any, shall be paid in monthly installments on warrants of the board. No retirement allowance plus a service increment if any, granted to any person who has heretofore retired or who shall hereafter retire shall be [increased,] decreased or revoked during the life of any such person, except as the board may decide in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of section 1711, as well as a suspension thereof in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of this section and subsection (b) of section 1716.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall take effect Effective date. on the first day of the month next following its final enactment.

APPROVED—The 1st day of February, A. D. 1956.

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