

No. 1992-121

## AN ACT

SB 1787

Amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to counties of the second class and second class A; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," further providing for county employee retirement allowances.

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

Section 1. Section 1710(b) of the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, amended December 14, 1989 (P.L.631, No.75), is amended to read:

Section 1710. Employees Eligible for Retirement Allowances.—\* \* \*

(b) Every county employe, other than a member of the police force or the fire department or a fire inspector or a sheriff or deputy sheriff, who was initially hired on or prior to the effective date of this amendatory act, who has reached the age of sixty years or upwards and who has to his or her credit a period of service of eight years, but less than twenty years, or every county employe, other than a member of the police or the fire department or a fire inspector, who was hired after the effective date of this amendatory act, who has reached the age of sixty-five years or upwards, and who has to his or her credit a period of service of ten years, but less than twenty years, and every county employe who is a member of the police force or the fire department or a fire inspector, and who shall have been a county employe during a period of twenty or more years and has reached the age of fifty years or upwards shall, upon application to the board, be eligible for retirement from service, and shall thereafter receive, during life, except as hereinafter provided, a retirement allowance plus a service increment if any, in accordance with the provisions of section 1712. Every county officer or employe who is a sheriff [or], deputy sheriff *or prison guard* who shall have been a county officer or employe during a period of twenty or more years and has reached the age of fifty-five years or upward, shall, upon application to the board, be eligible for retirement from service and shall thereafter receive, during life, except as hereinafter provided, a retirement allowance in accordance with section 1712. *The time spent in the employ of the county or county institution district need not necessarily have been continuous: Provided, That when any county employe has twenty or more years service, not necessarily continuous, and has reached the age of fifty years or upwards, and shall be separated from the service of the county or county institution district by reason of no cause or act of his or her own, upon application to the board he or she shall thereafter receive, during life, except as hereinafter provided, a retirement allowance plus a service increment if any, in accordance with the provisions of section 1712. The aforesaid retirement allowance plus a service*

increment if any, shall be subject to a suspension thereof in accordance with the provisions of subsection (h) of this section 1710 and subsection (c) of section 1712.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 4th day of December, A. D. 1992.

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