

CHAPTER 164.

[S. B. 207.]

FIREMEN'S PENSION SYSTEMS.

AN ACT relating to firemen's pension systems; providing for the appointment of a committee to study existing systems and make a report with recommendations to the 1945 Legislature; and making an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. That a committee shall be constituted as follows: One (1) member of the State Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate and one (1) member of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker; one (1) fireman who has been retired under the benefits of the present firemen's pension law; four (4) firemen employed in active service of a city fire department; two (2) private citizens to be selected by the seven (7) members of the committee above specified. The retired fireman member of the committee shall be selected by the Retired Firemen's Association; and the four (4) active firemen members shall be selected or elected by the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters; said organizations shall cause the names of their respective selections for the committee to be certified as such by the duly authorized officers of the organization, and shall file such certificate with the Secretary of State.

Interim committee created.

Any vacancy in membership of the committee shall be filled by the same appointing or selecting power as provided herein for appointment or selection of the original member. Said committee, when constituted as herein provided, shall elect a chairman and secretary, and shall keep a record of its meetings, activities and proceedings, one (1) copy of which shall, over the certificate of the secretary as to correctness, be filed with the Secretary of State.

Filling of vacancies.

Organization and records.

SEC. 2. Said committee shall make a study, in-

Survey and
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vestigation and survey of the existing pension system for firemen, and shall make a report to the 1945 session of the Legislature not later than during the first week of the session concerning the sufficiency or insufficiency of the present firemen's pension system, and make recommendations concerning the same, or the establishment of a new or different system, and as to what, if anything, shall be done with the existing system.

Employ
necessary
help.

SEC. 3. That, for the purpose of making the study, investigation, survey and report herein authorized the committee created hereunder shall be empowered to employ actuaries, experts, an executive secretary and necessary clerical and other assistance.

Remunera-
tion.

SEC. 4. That said committee and its employees, shall be paid their actual traveling, lodging and subsistence expenses while absent from their usual places of residence in the performance of the duties imposed upon the committee: *Provided*, That expenses and per diem of said committee shall be paid upon their individual vouchers with necessary receipts attached and the salaries, fees and expenses of any employees, actuaries, experts or advisors of said committee shall be paid upon vouchers approved by its executive secretary: *Provided, further*, That any member of said committee who receives any stated and fixed salary for public employment shall receive no salary or per diem for duties performed as a member of said committee, but any other members of said committee shall be paid a per diem not exceeding five dollars (\$5) per day for each day he is actually engaged in the performance of his duties as a member of the committee: *Provided, further*, That subsistence and lodging expenses of members of the committee and any employees shall not exceed the sum of five dollars (\$5) per day for any individual.

SEC. 5. There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the salaries, wages and expenses of the committee and its employees in accordance with the provisions of this act. Appropriation.

Passed the Senate March 1, 1943.

Passed the House March 8, 1943.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1943.

CHAPTER 165.

[S. B. 300.]

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM COMMITTEE ON GAME.

AN Act relating to the Department of Game; providing for the appointment of an interim committee and prescribing its powers and duties; and making an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. The successful policies of the state with respect to game management have resulted in seasonal deer and elk concentrations within certain agricultural and horticultural areas of the state giving rise to numerous damage inflictions upon cultivated agricultural and horticultural crops, for which no adequate mode of relief or prevention has been provided. The public has evidenced popular favor of an abundant supply of all species of wild life and will not be subserved by retrenching in the matter of wild life conservation or propagation. It appears to be the consensus of the many diversified and interested groups who have express opinions on the problem that prevention of damage by wild life rather than compensation for damage after it has occurred is the most practical, equitable and economically sound method of solution. The limited data and information available on the aggregate Need for study declared.