

CHAPTER 116.

[H. B. 97.]

JUNIOR COLLEGE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

AN ACT relating to public junior college employees retirement system, including all such employees in the Washington State Teachers' Retirement System, with all the rights and benefits now open to other public school employees.

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

Teachers' retirement act extended.

SECTION 1. The provisions of the Washington State Teachers' Retirement System as established by chapter 221, Laws of 1937, and amendments thereto, are hereby extended to include all employees of public junior colleges organized and established under the provisions of chapter 146, Laws of 1941. All such employees shall become members of the Washington State Teachers' Retirement System on the effective date of this act and shall have until July 1, 1943, to file with the Board of Trustees of the Washington State Teachers' Retirement System a declaration of exemption from such membership: *Provided*, That non-certificated employees may file such a declaration within the first year of their membership.

Junior college employees become members.

Proviso.

Prior service credit.

Employees of public junior colleges shall be entitled to prior service credit upon the same basis as other public school employees, and before such a member shall be entitled to retire on a retirement allowance he shall comply with the same provisions as are required of public school employees.

Passed the House February 11, 1943.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1943.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1943.