

ment and its existing public institutions and shall take effect April 1, 1945.

Passed the House February 6, 1945.

Passed the Senate February 21, 1945.

Approved by the Governor February 28, 1945.

CHAPTER 10.

[H. B. 143.]

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S RELIEF AND PENSION FUND.

AN ACT authorizing Volunteer Firemen in fire protection districts and in water districts, to participate in the Volunteer Firemen's Relief and Compensation Fund, and prescribing the duties of Fire Commissioners in fire protection districts, and of Water Commissioners in water districts; and amending sections 1 and 2, chapter 137, Laws of 1943 (sections 5654-152 and 5654-153, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 540-121, 540-123).

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

SECTION 1. That section 1, chapter 137, Laws of 1943 (sections 5654-152, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 540-121), be amended to read as follows:

Amend-
ments.

Section 1. Fire protection districts organized under chapter 34, Laws of 1939, as amended by chapter 70, Laws of 1941 (sections 5654-102 to 5654-109, both inclusive, 5654-111 to 5654-116, both inclusive, 5654-118, 5654-119, 5654-121 to 5654-137, both inclusive, 5654-140 to 5654-151, both inclusive, Remington's Revised Statutes, Supplement, and sections 5654-101, 5654-110, 5654-116a, 5654-117, 5654-120, 5654-138 and 5654-139, Rem. Supp. 1941; sections 2409-51 to 2409-101, Pierce's Code), and water districts organized under chapter 114, Laws of 1929, as amended by chapter 71, Laws of 1931, and chapter 177, Laws of 1943 (sections 11579-11604, both inclu-

Benefits
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tion districts.

sive, Remington's Revised Statutes; sections 11604-13 to 11604-16, both inclusive, Remington's Supplement 1943; sections 994-1 to 994-70, Pierce's 1943 Code), are hereby authorized to participate in the Volunteer Firemen's Relief and Compensation Fund established by chapter 121, Laws of 1935, as amended by chapter 49, Laws of 1939 (sections 9578-1 to 9578-11, both inclusive, Remington's Revised Statutes, Supplement; sections 4449a-41 to 4449a-51, both inclusive, Pierce's Code), upon the same terms and conditions as provided thereunder for municipalities of the state. Volunteer Firemen employed by such fire protection districts and water districts and their families shall be entitled to the same relief and compensation as Volunteer Firemen of such municipalities and their families and upon the same terms and conditions.

Terms.

SEC. 2. That section 2, chapter 137, Laws of 1943 (section 5654-153, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 540-123), be amended to read as follows:

Duties of
fire com-
missioners.

Section 2. The Board of Fire Commissioners of a fire protection district, and Board of Water Commissioners of a water district, shall exercise and be subject to the same powers and duties as the Board of Trustees of the Volunteer Firemen's Relief and Compensation Fund provided for municipalities of the State of Washington by chapter 121, Laws of 1935, as amended by chapter 49, Laws of 1939 (sections 9578-1 to 9578-11, both inclusive, Remington's Revised Statutes, Supplement; sections 4449a-41 to 4449a-51, both inclusive, Pierce's Code).

Passed the House February 7, 1945.

Passed the Senate February 21, 1945.

Approved by the Governor February 28, 1945.