of the voters of the county voting upon the question at an election.

SEC. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate Effective immediately. preservation of the public peace, health and safety and for the support of the state government and its existing institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House February 1, 1945.

Passed the Senate March 5, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 14, 1945.

CHAPTER 52. [H. B. 160.]

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 192, Laws of 1941 Amend-(section 9592-129, Rem. Supp. 1941, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 372-57), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Any city of the first class may, by May extend ordinance, extend, upon conditions deemed proper, systems. the provisions of retirement and pension systems for superannuated and disabled officers and employees to officers and employees with five (5) years of continuous service and acting in capacities in which they would otherwise not be entitled to participation in such systems: Provided. That the following shall be specifically exempted from the provisions of this act:

1. Members of the Police Departments who are Police. entitled to the benefits of the Police Relief and Pension Fund as established by state law.

ments.

AN ACT relating to retirement and pension systems in cities of the first class and amending section 1, chapter 192, Laws of 1941 (section 9592-129, Rem. Supp. 1941, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 372-57).

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Firemen.

2. Members of the Fire Department who are entitled to the benefits of the Firemen's Relief and Pension Fund as established by state law.

Passed the House February 24, 1945. Passed the Senate March 5, 1945. Approved by the Governor March 14, 1945.

CHAPTER 53.

[H. B. 177.]

McKAY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

- AN ACT providing for hospitalization and care of persons at McKay Memorial Research Hospital, and amending section 2, chapter 46, Laws of 1939, as amended by section 1, chapter 67, Laws of 1941 (section 6130-32, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 636-77).
- Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Section 2, chapter 46, Laws of 1939, as amended by section 1, chapter 67, Laws of 1941 (section 6130-32, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 636-77), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2. A public institution is hereby established at Soap Lake, Washington, to be known as the McKay Memorial Research Hospital, for the treatment and care of persons afflicted with Buergers and for experimental and scientific study of such disease and the medicinal and curative properties of the waters of Soap Lake, and for general hospital care and treatment of indigent citizens of the State of Washington entitled to such service at public expense, to the extent that hospital facilities may be available for general hospital care and treatment under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the department: And provided further, That veterans and persons afflicted with Buergers disease shall at all times be given preference

Amendments.

Public hospital established.