CHAPTER 98.

[ H. B. 427. ]

RELATING TO PENSION AND RETIREMENT SYSTEMS
OF THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

An Act relating to pension and retirement systems of the
state and political subdivisions thereof, conditionally per-
mitting the retention of accrued service credit by members
of such systems when undertaking other public employ-
ment, or upon the amalgamation of any one such public
service with another.

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

Section 1. It is the intent of this act to allow the
preservation, accumulation and retention of service
credits towards eventual retirement by officers and
employees who by reason of employment by more
than one public agency in the state may participate
in one or more retirement or pension systems. It is
also intended that sovereignty of the various retire-
ment and pension systems operating in the state
shall not be intruded upon and the eventual granting
of pensions and/or annuities to such officers and em-
ployees shall remain under the control of and be con-
trolled by act of the governing bodies of such retire-
ment or pension systems except as specifically set
forth herein.

Sec. 2. Any officer or employee of the state or
of any political subdivision thereof who is a member
of any pension or retirement system thereof may
upon acceptance of any other public employment or
office, retain credit for service in his or her previous
office or employment toward eventual retirement
upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed
by the governing body or bodies of any such political
subdivisions and by the pension board or authority
concerned in the case of the state; and such like
privilege shall be extended to any such officer or em-
ployee whose employment or office is changed as the
result of any amalgamation of any public service agency in this state with another.

Sec. 3. It is hereby specifically provided that the governing bodies referred to in section 2 hereof may allow persons to recover or regain credit lost or lapsed by reason of previous lack of authority to proceed as intended in this act, such recovery to be allowed under rules separately established by the aforementioned governing bodies.

Sec. 4. The receipt of any pension or annuity earned as a member of any system under the circumstances provided for herein shall not preclude the receipt of another pension earned as a member of any other system, any local provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, but the total of the one or more system payments due at time of retirement shall not exceed the maximum payment for full service in the system last participated in.

Sec. 5. When there exists a joint operation of a public service, the authorities may make provision for membership of all new employees in one designated retirement system by agreement with the proper authorities.

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