

Only during the 1978 and 1979 calendar years, contributions payable by employers under the provisions of RCW 50.24.010 shall be payable at the rate of three and three-tenths percent of wages subject to tax, rather than in accordance with the rates therein.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. The provisions of this 1977 amendatory act are necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect ninety days after adjournment sine die of the 1977 1st Extraordinary Session (forty-fifth legislature) of the Washington State Legislature: **PROVIDED**, That the first paragraph of section 1 of this 1977 amendatory act shall take effect immediately and the remaining portion of section 1 of this 1977 amendatory act and all of section 2 of this 1977 amendatory act shall take effect commencing with benefit years beginning on and after October 1, 1978; section 7 of this 1977 amendatory act shall take effect commencing with benefit years beginning on and after July 3, 1977; sections 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 of this 1977 amendatory act shall take effect on and after July 3, 1977.

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CHAPTER 34

[House Bill No. 657]

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD—PUBLIC MEMBERS

AN ACT Relating to the Washington public employees retirement system; and amending section 3, chapter 274, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 1, chapter 195, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 41.40.030.

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

Section 1. Section 3, chapter 274, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 1, chapter 195, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 41.40.030 are each amended to read as follows:

The retirement board shall consist of twelve members, as follows: ~~((The insurance commissioner, the attorney general, the state treasurer, the state auditor))~~ Four members of the public appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, the members provided by RCW 41.26.050, and four elected representatives who shall have been members of the retirement system for at least five years, and each of whom shall be elected by active or retired members in their classification for a term of three years: **PROVIDED**, That the term of office of any employee representative serving as a member of the retirement board by appointment prior to March 21, 1961 shall continue until the expiration of the period of time for which such employee representative was appointed, except those board members provided by RCW 41.26.050. The active and retired members of the system shall be divided into four classifications for purposes of board representation as follows: Classification A shall consist of all employees of the state government;

classification B shall consist of all employees of counties; classification C shall consist of all retired members; and classification D shall consist of all members not included in classification A((~~+~~)), B, or C. Each member shall have the right to vote only for an employee representative from his respective classification.

The initial term of the representative from classification C shall begin July 1, 1974.

Any active or retired member desiring to become a candidate to represent active or retired members in his classification may during the first two weeks of April of the year in which the vacancy in the classification occurs, file with the director of the system a typewritten statement that he desires to be a candidate for the board. The letter supporting his candidacy must be signed by at least twenty members of the retirement system in his classification. The election shall be conducted under the supervision of the retirement board pursuant to such rules as the board shall prescribe, but shall be so conducted that the voting shall be secret and the ballots may be returned by mail. Ballots in order to be counted shall be received by the director not later than the second Monday in June. The board shall thereupon proceed to count the ballots and shall certify to the secretary of state the candidate receiving the highest number of votes.

The terms of all elected representatives shall commence on the first day of July following their election.

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CHAPTER 35

[Substitute House Bill No. 839]

HISTORICAL SITES CONTROLLED BY PUBLIC CORPORATIONS—PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

AN ACT Relating to state government; amending section 7, chapter 37, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 35.21.755; prescribing an expiration date; prescribing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 7, chapter 37, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 35.21.755 are each amended to read as follows:

A public corporation, commission, or authority created pursuant to RCW 35.21.730 or 35.21.660 shall receive the same immunity or exemption from taxation as that of the city, town, or county creating the same: **PROVIDED**, That, except for any property listed on, or which is within a district listed on any federal or state register of historical sites, any such public corporation, commission, or authority shall pay to the county treasurer an annual excise tax equal to the amounts which would be paid upon real property and personal property devoted to the purposes of such public corporation, commission, or authority were it in private ownership, and such real property and personal property is acquired and/or operated under RCW 35.21.725 through 35.21.755, and the proceeds of such excise tax shall be allocated by the county treasurer to the various taxing authorities in which such property is