

defeated by the failure of the person to verify or file the claim in person if action be brought within three years after the taking effect of this act where a claim has heretofore been verified and filed within the time and in compliance with the terms of this act if said claim has been rejected.

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CHAPTER 150.

[H. B. 128.]

AMENDMENTS OF TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND ACT.

AN ACT in relation to Teachers' Retirement Fund and amending sections 8, 11, 15, 16 and 17 of "An Act providing for the establishment and regulating the operation of Teachers' Retirement Funds in school districts of the first class, defining all powers and duties of certain officers in relation thereto, providing for the levy and collection of taxes therefor and providing for appeals from the decisions of the trustees of such fund." Also amending said act by adding a new section thereto to be known as Section 26.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8 of chapter 163, Laws of 1917, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 8. All applications for membership shall be considered by the board of trustees at the next regular meeting after the same are filed, or at a special meeting called for that purpose before the next regular meeting, and, if the application is found to be in proper form and accompanied by the proof required by the trustees, the applicant's name shall be entered upon the membership register of the funds together with the respective totals of years and months of service allowed, in the district, in

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this state, and elsewhere, respectively, and a certificate of membership showing the date of issue and the former teaching serve allowed, shall be delivered to the applicant and a duplicate thereof transmitted to the secretary of the district, who shall cause the same to be entered upon the records of the district. In making allowance for former service, a year of service shall be a legal school year where the service was rendered and fractions of years of service may be counted in computing the total years of service when the sum of such fraction equals one or more years, *Provided*, That no teacher shall receive more than one year's credit for teaching in any school year, as defined by the school code of this state.

SEC. 2. Section 11 of chapter 163, Laws of 1917, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 11. It shall be the duty of the secretary of the district, at the time of issuing the transfer warrants hereinabove provided for, to certify to the secretary of the fund the names of the teachers assessed and respective number of months of serving since the last certificate, and the respective amounts deducted from the salary of each. Upon receiving such certificate, it shall be the duty of the secretary of the fund to credit the members with the respective months of service and respective amounts contributed by each, in the proper columns of the membership register after their respective names. Each member of the fund not employed by the district or granted leave of absence for professional preparation by the board of directors, may on or before the 10th day of November, and on or before the 10th day of May of each year present his receipt from the county treasurer for his payment for the benefit of the fund, to the secretary of the fund, together with a verified statement of the amount and character of services rendered during

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the preceding half year, and it shall be the duty of the secretary to credit such service and contribution to such member on the membership register and endorse such credit on the receipt and return it to the member: *Provided*, that credit shall not be allowed a member absent on leave for professional preparation in excess of two years of total absence on such leave, or in excess of one year of absence on such leave in any ten year period of total service.

SEC. 3. Section 15 of chapter 163, Laws of 1917, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 15. Any member who leaves the employment of the district in which a retirement fund has been established under the provision of this act, and subsequently re-enters the employment of such district, shall be entitled to credit for contributions previously made, and, upon satisfactory proof, to credits for such service in teaching as has been rendered in the interim, and any member who leaves the employment of such district and enters the employment of another district in this state in which a retirement fund has been or shall be established under the provisions of this act, shall be entitled to have the amount such member has contributed to the fund of the first district, but without interest thereon, transferred to, and shall be given credit therefor in the fund of the second district, and shall be entitled to have not more than three years of service in the first district credited as service in the second district in case the member shall apply for an annuity from the fund of the second district under the provisions of this act: *Provided*, that such transferred service shall not reduce the total amount of service required, or the amount of service required in this state.

Credits for re-entry into service.

Transfers of credits to other districts.

SEC. 4. Section 16 of chapter 163, Laws of 1917, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Length of
service for
retirement
annuities.

Section 16. Any member of the fund who shall have been a teacher for a period of, or periods aggregating thirty years, embracing not less than two hundred and forty months of service, fifteen years of which service shall have been in the public schools of this state, and twelve years of which service shall have been in the district where such person is a member, shall be entitled, upon and during retirement from service in the public schools to receive a retirement annuity of four hundred and eighty dollars (\$480.00): *Provided*, that any member of the fund who shall have been a teacher for a period of or periods aggregating thirty-five years, embracing not less than two hundred and eighty months of service, fifteen years of which shall have been in the public schools of this state, and who is employed as a teacher in the district at the time the fund is established, shall be entitled upon and during retirement from service in the public schools to receive an annuity of four hundred and eighty dollars (\$480.00): *And provided further*, that no retirement annuity shall be credited or paid until the expiration of one year from the date of the establishment of the fund: *And provided further*, that in case the credit for membership dues of any member, at the date of retirement, shall be less than the sum of seven hundred and twenty dollars (\$720.00), and thereafter shall be paid such annuity, unless the member shall elect to pay into such fund the necessary amount to make up the total credit of seven hundred and twenty dollars (\$720.00), in which case the annuity shall be paid to the member.

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of contribu-
tion credits.

SEC. 5. That chapter 163, Session Laws of 1917, be amended by adding a new section thereto, to be known as section 26, to read as follows:

Tax levies
for benefit
of retire-
ment fund.

Section 26. If at the time of making the annual estimate of receipts and disbursements, as provided in section 13 of this act, it shall appear that the total

estimated receipts for the current fiscal year together with the total assets of the fund at the close of the preceding fiscal year, will be insufficient to meet the total estimated disbursements for the current fiscal year, it shall be the duty of the secretary of the board of trustees to certify the amount of such deficiency to the board of directors on or before the third Monday in July, and it shall be the duty of the board of directors to report to the board of county commissioners the amount required to make up such deficiency with the annual estimate of the amount required for the support of the schools of the district and the board of county commissioners shall include such amount in the general tax levy for the district, and the same shall be collected as other taxes and when collected shall be credited to the teachers' retirement fund of the district, *provided, however*, that the amount of such levy for the benefit of any retirement fund shall not in any year exceed a sum equal to the total amount contributed to the fund by its members during the preceding fiscal year.

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