

## CHAPTER 49.

[H. B. 35.]

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S RELIEF AND COMPENSATION  
FUND.

AN ACT relating to and creating a fund in the state treasury to be known as the Volunteer Firemen's Relief and Compensation Fund, and amending section 2, chapter 121, of the Session Laws of 1935.

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

SECTION 1. That section 2, chapter 121, of the Session Laws of 1935, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

Amends  
§ 2, ch. 121,  
Laws 1935.

Section 2. In every municipality in the State of Washington wherein is maintained a regularly organized volunteer fire department, which for the purposes of this act shall be defined as any fire department not employing its entire membership on a full-time paid basis, or which may hereafter organize and maintain such fire department, there is hereby created and established a board of trustees of the volunteer firemen's relief and compensation fund, such board to be known as the board of trustees of the volunteer firemen's relief and compensation fund. Such board shall consist of the mayor, city clerk or comptroller and one councilman of such municipality, the chief of the fire department, and one member of said fire department, which one member shall be elected by the members of said fire department for a term of one (1) year and annually thereafter: *Provided*, That a municipality shall have authority by ordinance to permit full paid members of a fire department, consisting of paid members and volunteer members, to come under the firemen's relief and pension fund, described in chapter 39, Laws of 1935: *Provided, further*, That where a municipality is governed by the commission form of government, three commissioners shall serve as members of said

Board of  
trustees.

Members.

## Duties.

board in lieu of the mayor, city clerk or comptroller and one city councilman. It shall be the duty of said board of trustees of such municipality to provide for the disbursement of relief and compensation, and they shall pass upon all claims to said fund, and shall direct payment from said fund to those entitled thereto under the terms of this act. It shall issue vouchers, signed by its chairman and secretary, to the persons entitled thereto for the amount of money ordered paid to such persons from said fund by said board, which vouchers shall state for what purpose such payment is to be made. It shall keep a record of its proceedings, which record shall be public. It shall, at each meeting, send to the State Treasurer a written or printed list of all persons entitled to payment from said fund herein provided for, stating the amount of such payment and for what granted, which list shall be certified to and signed by the chairman and secretary of said board, attested under oath, and the state officer whose duty it is to issue warrants, shall order and direct that a warrant for the amount specified on such voucher shall be drawn on said fund, for the amount thereof. The board herein provided shall, in addition to other powers herein granted, have power, to-wit:

## Additional powers.

1. To compel the attendance of witnesses to testify before it upon all matters connected with the operation of this act, and in the same manner as is or may be provided by law for the taking of testimony before notaries public; and its chairman or any member of said board may administer oaths to such witness.

2. To make all needful rules and regulations for its guidance in conformity with the provisions of this act.

3. To keep accurate account of any expenses incurred in complying with this law, and such expense shall be paid out of said fund. No compensa-

tion or emoluments shall be paid to any member of said board of trustees for any duties performed under this act as trustee.

4. To make provision for the employment of a regularly licensed practicing physician for the examination of members entering said volunteer fire department, at a fee of Three Dollars (\$3.00) for each fireman examined; and for the care of injured and disabled members of said volunteer fire departments. The fees for such care and medical attention shall be set by the State Auditor and such fees shall be uniform in all municipalities throughout the state. Said physician shall report his findings to said board of trustees on blanks provided for the purpose, and the fee of such physician for the cure of injured and disabled members of said volunteer fire departments shall be paid out of said fund. No other physician or surgeon, not employed by said board of trustees, except in case of emergency, shall receive or be entitled to receive any fees or compensation from said fund as private or attending physician to any disabled member. Said board of trustees shall hear and decide all applications for such relief or compensation under this act, and its decisions on such applications shall be final and conclusive and not subject to reversal or revision except by the board. A majority of the board of trustees shall constitute a quorum, and no business shall be transacted where a majority is not present, and no claim shall be allowed where a majority of the board has not voted favorably thereon. Said board shall have the power and authority to have a guardian appointed whenever and wherever the claim of a fireman who is a minor is involved.

Medical  
attention for  
members.

Guardian.

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