

priation. The awards in and costs of such proceedings shall be payable out of the river improvement fund. ^{Awards from fund.}

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CHAPTER 205.

[S. B. 164.]

AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYES IN FEDERAL OLD AGE AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS.

AN ACT to provide for employes of the state and its political subdivisions including public utility districts to participate in and receive payments and benefits of the Old Age and Survivors Insurance benefits of the Federal Social Security act, if and when said act is amended to permit such participation.

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

SECTION 1. The State of Washington in behalf of all its eligible officials and employes and the eligible officials and employes of all its counties, cities and towns, and of any and all other of its municipal corporations and political subdivisions which levy taxes and employ and pay salaries and wages to officials and employes including public utility districts, hereby accepts the benefits of the Old Age and Survivors' Insurance benefit provisions of the Federal Social Security Act, whenever the provisions of such act are extended to embrace such officials and employes. Old age benefits extended to public employees.

SEC. 2. Any and all officials and boards having charge of the preparation of payrolls and payment of salaries and wages to such eligible officials and employes are hereby authorized and directed to make payroll and salary and wage deductions and to handle and dispose of the same as required by such Salary deductions.

To conform
to Federal
act.

Federal act; and any official or board being authorized to disburse funds respectively for the office, department or division of the state, county, city or town, or other municipal corporation or political subdivision in which any such eligible official or employe is employed is authorized to pay and disburse out of any funds available for the operation and maintenance of such office, department or division such sums and dispose of and handle the same in such manner as is required and necessary to make payments and benefits of said Federal act available to such eligible officials and employes.

Not to
change exist-
ing pension
system.

SEC. 3. Nothing contained in this act shall deprive any person of benefits under any existing pension system, nor repeal, amend, modify or supersede any law, charter amendment or ordinance establishing or pertaining to an existing pension system.

Partial
invalidity.

SEC. 4. If it is found by any judicial authority of competent jurisdiction that the provisions of this act may not become applicable to any group of officials or employes for any reason, such inapplicability shall not prevent the same from becoming applicable as herein provided to the other officials and employes embraced herein.

Effective
date.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by the state constitution unless at that time the Federal Social Security Act has not been amended to cover officials and employes of the state, county, city and other municipal corporations and political subdivisions, in which event it shall take effect and become operative on the first day of the second month following the month when such Federal act shall become applicable to such state officials and employes.

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