

of this act shall within thirty days after the taking effect of this amendatory act and on or before the fifteenth day of January thereafter, certify to the State Auditor the number of paid firemen in the fire department in such city or town. The State Auditor shall on or before the first day of March of each year deliver to the treasurer of each city and town coming under the provisions of this act his warrant on the State Treasurer, payable to each city or town for the amount due such city or town ascertained as herein provided and the treasurer of each such city or town shall place the amount thereof to the credit of the Firemen's Pension Fund of such city or town.

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CHAPTER 46.

[S. B. 25.]

COMBINED CITY AND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS.

AN ACT relating to the public health; providing for the establishment of combined city and county health departments in counties which have first-class cities of one hundred thousand population or more and ratifying formations and combinations of certain governmental units as city-county health departments and expenditures by counties, cities and towns in connection therewith.

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

SECTION 1. Any city with one hundred thousand or more population and the county in which it is located, are authorized, as shall be agreed upon between the respective governing bodies of such city and said county, to establish and operate a combined city and county health department, and to appoint the Director of Public Health as hereinafter provided. The combination of such city and county

Combined city and county health department.

Procedure for formation.

health department under this act shall be effective whenever the governing body of the city with one hundred thousand or more population shall pass an ordinance and the Board of County Commissioners of the county in which it is located shall pass a resolution declaring intention to operate a combined health department in accordance with agreements made between their respective governing bodies.

Powers and duties of Director of Public Health.

SEC. 2. The Director of Public Health is authorized to and shall exercise all powers and perform all duties by law vested in the county health officer, and is authorized to and shall exercise all powers and perform all duties by law vested in the health officer of said city of one hundred thousand population or more.

Qualifications for Director.

SEC. 3. The Director of Public Health, under this act shall be a qualified physician or surgeon having graduated at least five years prior to appointment, shall in addition to his professional degree also hold the degree of Master of Public Health or its equivalent, and shall have had at least three years' practical experience in public health administrative work. He shall not engage in the private practice of his profession during his tenure of office. He shall not be included in the classified civil service of the said city or the said county.

Appointment of Director.

SEC. 4. The Director of Public Health under this act shall be appointed by the mayor of the city of one hundred thousand population or more, such appointment to be effective only upon a majority vote confirmation of each governing body of said city and said county. He shall be paid such salary and allowed such expenses as shall be determined annually by the governing bodies of said city and said county. He shall hold office for an indefinite term and may be removed at any time by the mayor of said city only for cause shown and after public hearing on charges reduced to writing, a copy of such

Salary.

Term of office.

Removal for cause.

charges having first been filed ten days prior to such public hearing with the governing bodies of said city and of said county.

SEC. 5. All employees of the combined city and county health department except those already covered by civil service and retirement plans, may upon passage of an ordinance by the city, be included in the civil service and retirement plans of such city: *Provided*, That residential requirements for such positions shall be coextensive with the county boundaries: *Provided further*, That the county is authorized to pay such parts of the expense of operating and maintaining such civil service and retirement system and to contribute to the retirement fund in behalf of employees such sums as may be agreed upon between the governing bodies of such city and county.

Employees may be included in civil service and retirement plans.

Contributions by county.

SEC. 6. The city by ordinance, and the county by resolution, under this act may pool all or any part of their respective funds available for public health purposes, in the office of the city treasurer in a special pooling fund to be established in accordance with agreements between the governing bodies of said city and county and which shall be expended for the combined health department.

Pooling of funds.

Special pooling fund.

SEC. 7. Any other city in said county, other governmental agency or any charitable or health agency may by contract or by agreement with the governing bodies of the combined health department receive public health services.

Contracts for health services.

SEC. 8. Nothing in this act shall prohibit the Director of Public Health as provided herein from acting as health officer for any other city or town within the county, nor from acting as health officer in any adjoining county or any city or town within such county having a contract or agreement as provided in section 7 of this act: *Provided, however*, That

Director may serve as health officer elsewhere.

before being appointed health officer for such adjoining county, the State Director of Health shall first give his approval thereto.

Director shall be registrar of vital statistics.

SEC. 9. The Director of Public Health under this act shall be registrar of vital statistics for all cities and counties under his jurisdiction and he shall and is hereby empowered to conduct such vital statistics work in accordance with the same laws and or rules and regulations pertaining to vital statistics for a city of over one hundred thousand population.

Termination of agreement.

SEC. 10. Agreement to operate a combined city and county health department made under this act may after two years from the date of such agreement, be terminated by either party at the end of any calendar year upon notice in writing given at least six months prior thereto. The termination of such agreement shall not relieve either party of any obligations to which it has been previously committed.

Notice.

Prior agreements ratified.

SEC. 11. Any expenditures heretofore made by a city of one hundred thousand population or more, and by the county in which it is located, not made fraudulently and which were within the legal limits of indebtedness, towards the expense of maintenance and operation of a combined health department, are hereby legalized and ratified.

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