

CHAPTER 93.

[H. B. 286.]

STATE PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

AN ACT relating to the Washington state patrol retirement system; amending section 11, chapter 250, Laws of 1947, as last amended by section 2, chapter 162, Laws of 1957, and RCW 43.43.220; amending section 16, chapter 250, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 6, chapter 140, Laws of 1951, and RCW 43.43.270; amending section 17, chapter 250, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 7, chapter 140, Laws of 1951 and RCW 43.43.280; amending section 9, chapter 250, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 3, chapter 244, Laws of 1955, and RCW 43.43.300; and declaring an emergency.

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

RCW 43.43.220
amended.

SECTION 1. Section 11, chapter 250, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 2, chapter 162, Laws of 1957, and RCW 43.43.220 are each amended to read as follows:

State patrol
retirement
fund—
Expenses—
Contributions
by state.

(1) The Washington state patrol retirement fund shall be the fund from which shall be paid all retirement allowances or benefits in lieu thereof which are payable as provided herein. The expenses of operating the retirement system shall be paid from appropriations made for the operation of the Washington state patrol.

(2) The contributions by the state for benefits under the retirement system shall consist of the sum of a percentage of the compensation of members to be known as the current service contribution, and a fixed percentage of the compensation of members to be known as the prior service contribution.

(3) After the completion of each actuarial valuation, the retirement board shall determine or re-determine the current service contribution rate. Such current service contribution rate shall become effective in the ensuing biennium. Such contribution rate shall be the uniform and constant per-

centage of the prospective compensation of all members in the retirement system at the date of such valuation required, together with the prospective value of future contributions from members, and all funds (other than funds allocated to prior service benefits) currently standing to the credit of the retirement fund, to provide for the payment of all future benefits for such members (other than prior service benefits).

(4) The prior service contribution shall be two and one-quarter percent of the prospective compensation of all members in the retirement system in each calendar year, and shall continue at such rate until the assets of the retirement fund allocated to prior service benefits are equal to the then outstanding liability for prior service benefits.

(5) The retirement board shall estimate biennially the amount required to maintain the retirement fund for the ensuing biennium.

SEC. 2. Section 16, chapter 250, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 6, chapter 140, Laws of 1951, and RCW 43.43.270 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 43.43.270
amended.

(1) The normal form of retirement allowance shall be an annuity which shall continue as long as the member lives.

Alternative
forms of
annuities.

(2) If a member should die, either while in service or after retirement, his lawful spouse shall be paid an annuity which shall be equal to twenty-five percent of the average final salary of the member. If the member should die after retirement the average final salary will be the average final salary used in computing his retirement allowance at the time of his retirement. The annuity paid to the lawful spouse shall continue as long as she lives or until she remarries. To be eligible for an annuity the lawful surviving spouse of a retired member shall have been married to the member prior to

his retirement and continuously thereafter until the date of his death or shall have been married to the retired member at least two years prior to his death.

(3) If a member should die, either while in service or after retirement, his surviving children under the age of eighteen years shall be provided for in the following manner:

(a) If the member is survived by one child under the age of eighteen years the child shall be paid an annuity of seventy-five dollars per month until such time as the child shall attain the age of eighteen years or shall marry or die.

(b) If the member is survived by two or more children under the age of eighteen years the children shall be paid an annuity which shall total one hundred and fifty dollars per month until such time as the children shall attain the age of eighteen years or shall marry or die. When the number of children under the age of eighteen years and unmarried has been reduced to one, the annuity shall be reduced to seventy-five dollars per month.

RCW 43.43.280 amended.

SEC. 3. Section 17, chapter 250, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 7, chapter 140, Laws of 1951, and RCW 43.43.280 are each amended to read as follows:

Repayment of contributions on death or termination of employment.

(1) If a member dies before retirement, and has no surviving spouse or children under the age of 18 years, all contributions made by him with interest at two and one-half percent compounded annually shall be paid to such person or persons as he shall have nominated by written designation duly executed and filed with the retirement board, or if there be no such designated person or persons, then to his legal representative.

(2) If a member should cease to be an employee before attaining age sixty for reasons other than his death, or retirement, he may request upon a form provided by the retirement board a refund of all

or part of his contributions to the retirement fund, with interest at two and one-half percent compounded annually, and this amount shall be paid to him.

SEC. 4. Section 9, chapter 250, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 3, chapter 244, Laws of 1955, and RCW 43.43.300 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 43.43.300 amended.

Beginning on July 1, 1961, every Washington state patrol employee who is a member of the retirement fund shall contribute six percent of his monthly salary, which shall be deducted from the compensation of each member on each and every payroll.

Contributions by members—
State contributions remain in fund.

In event a member severs his connection with the Washington state patrol or is dismissed, the amount paid by the state of Washington shall remain in the retirement fund.

SEC. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Emergency.

Passed the House March 8, 1961.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1961.

Approved by the Governor March 8, 1961.