

CHAPTER 84.

[Senate Bill No. 272.]

SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES—MEMBERSHIP IN STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, OASI.

AN ACT relating to the state employees retirement system; amending section 43, chapter 274, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 16, chapter 174, Laws of 1963 and RCW 41.40.410; and adding a new section to chapter 274, Laws of 1947 and to chapter 41.40 RCW.

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

SECTION 1. Section 43, chapter 274, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 16, chapter 174, Laws of 1963 and RCW 41.40.410 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 41.40.410 amended.

The employees and appointive and elective officials of any political subdivision of the state may become members of the retirement system by the approval of the local legislative authority: *Provided*, That on and after September 1, 1965, every school district of the state of Washington shall be an employer under this chapter and every employee of the school district who is eligible for membership under RCW 41.40.120 shall be a member of the retirement system and participate on the same basis as a person who first becomes a member through the admission of any employer into the retirement system on and after April 1, 1949. Each such political subdivision becoming an employer under the meaning of this chapter shall make contributions to the funds of the retirement system as provided in RCW 41.40.080, 41.40.361 and 41.40.370 and its employees shall contribute to the employees' savings fund at the rate established under the provisions of RCW 41.40.330. For the purpose of administering and interpreting this chapter the board may substitute the names of political subdivisions of the state for the "state" and

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employees of the subdivisions for "state employees" wherever such terms appear in this chapter. The board may also alter any dates mentioned in this chapter for the purpose of making the provisions of the chapter applicable to the entry of any political subdivisions into the system. Any member transferring employment to another employer which is covered by the retirement system may continue as a member without loss of previously earned pension and annuity benefits. The board shall keep such accounts as are necessary to show the contributions of each political subdivision to the benefit account fund and shall have the power to debit and credit the various accounts in accordance with the transfer of the members from one employer to another.

New section.

SEC. 2. There is added to chapter 274, Laws of 1947 and to chapter 41.40 RCW a new section to read as follows:

School systems to extend federal social security act benefits.

Every school district which has become an employer under this chapter prior to the effective date of this 1965 amendatory act or which becomes an employer after such effective date, shall immediately take such administrative action as may be necessary to extend to its employee members of the retirement system and their survivors the protection and benefits of the old-age and survivors insurance system embodied in the federal social security act.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1965.

Passed the House March 9, 1965.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1965.