

CHAPTER 137.

[S. B. 206.]

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S RELIEF AND COMPENSATION
FUND.

AN ACT authorizing volunteer firemen to participate in the Volunteer Firemen's Relief and Compensation Fund and prescribing the duties of fire commissioners in fire protection districts.

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

Benefits
extended to
fire
protection
districts.

SECTION 1. Fire protection districts organized under chapter 34, Laws of 1939, as amended by chapter 70, Laws of 1941 (sections 5654-102 to 5654-109, both inclusive, 5654-111 to 5654-116, both inclusive, 5654-118, 5654-119, 5654-121 to 5654-137, both inclusive, 5654-140 to 5654-151, both inclusive, Remington's Revised Statutes, Supplement, and sections 5654-101, 5654-110, 5654-116a, 5654-117, 5654-120, 5654-138 and 5654-139, Rem. Supp. 1941; sections 2409-51 to 2409-101, Pierce's Code), are hereby authorized to participate in the Volunteer Firemen's Relief and Compensation Fund established by chapter 121, Laws of 1935, as amended by chapter 49, Laws of 1939 (sections 9578-1 to 9578-11, both inclusive, Remington's Revised Statutes, Supplement; sections 4449a-41 to 4449a-51, both inclusive, Pierce's Code), upon the same terms and conditions as provided thereunder for municipalities of the state.

Terms. Volunteer firemen employed by such fire protection districts and their families shall be entitled to the same relief and compensation as volunteer firemen of such municipalities upon the same terms and conditions.

Duties of
Fire Com-
missioners.

SEC. 2. The Board of Fire Commissioners of a fire protection district shall exercise and be subject to the same powers and duties as the Board of Trustees of the Volunteer Firemen's Relief and Compensation Fund provided for municipalities of the State

of Washington by chapter 121, Laws of 1935, as amended by chapter 49, Laws of 1939 (sections 9578-1 to 9578-11, both inclusive, Remington's Revised Statutes, Supplement; sections 4449a-41 to 4449a-51, both inclusive, Pierce's Code).

Passed the Senate February 19, 1943.

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CHAPTER 138.

[S. B. 221.]

ARBITRATION OF ACTIONS FOR LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RELIEF.

AN ACT providing for the arbitration of controversies; providing a procedure for the same; providing for judgment to be entered thereon; prescribing the duty of the courts in connection therewith; and repealing sections 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273 and 274, Code of 1881 (sections 420 to 430, Remington's Revised Statutes; sections 7339 to 7349, Pierce's Code).

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

SECTION 1. Two or more parties may agree in writing to submit to arbitration, in conformity with the provisions of this act, any controversy which may be the subject of an action existing between them at the time of the agreement to submit, or they may include in a written agreement a provision to settle by arbitration any controversy thereafter arising between them out of or in relation to such agreement. Such agreement shall be valid, enforceable and irrevocable save upon such grounds as exist in law or equity for the revocation of any agreement.

The provisions of this act shall not apply to any arbitration agreement between employers and employees or between employers and associations of employees, unless such agreement specifically pro-

Agreement
in writing.

Limitation.