

members of the armed forces) enrolled with the United States for employment, or for training for employment, or maintained by the United States for emergency relief service, as officers or members of crews of any such vessels; but does not include persons so employed, or enrolled for such employment or for training for such employment, or maintained for such emergency relief service, on the Great Lakes or the inland waterways. Definitions.

The term "dependent" means any person who is in fact a dependent. "Dependent."

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## CHAPTER 170.

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### FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.

AN ACT relating to the covering of certain officers and employees of the state and local governments under the old-age and survivors insurance provisions of title II of the federal social security act, as amended; providing for a referendum; amending section 3, chapter 4, Laws of 1955 extraordinary session and RCW 41.48.030; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3, chapter 4, Laws of 1955 extraordinary session and RCW 41.48.030 are each amended to read as follows: RCW 41.48.030 amended.

(1) The governor is hereby authorized to enter on behalf of the state into an agreement with the secretary of health, education, and welfare consistent with the terms and provisions of this chapter, for the purpose of extending the benefits of the federal old-age and survivors insurance system to employees of the state or any political subdivision not members of an existing retirement system, or to Agreement with secretary of health, education and welfare.

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members of a retirement system established by the state or by a political subdivision thereof or by an institution of higher learning with respect to services specified in such agreement which constitute "employment" as defined in RCW 41.48.020. Such agreement may contain such provisions relating to coverage, benefits, contributions, effective date, modification and termination of the agreement, administration, and other appropriate provisions as the governor and secretary of health, education, and welfare shall agree upon, but, except as may be otherwise required by or under the social security act as to the services to be covered, such agreement shall provide in effect that—

(a) Benefits will be provided for employees whose services are covered by the agreement (and their dependents and survivors) on the same basis as though such services constituted employment within the meaning of title II of the social security act;

(b) The state will pay to the secretary of the treasury, at such time or times as may be prescribed under the social security act, contributions with respect to wages (as defined in RCW 41.48.020), equal to the sum of the taxes which would be imposed by the federal insurance contributions act if the services covered by the agreement constituted employment within the meaning of that act;

(c) Such agreement shall be effective with respect to services in employment covered by the agreement performed after a date specified therein but in no event may it be effective with respect to any such services performed prior to the first day of the calendar year in which such agreement is entered into or in which the modification of the agreement making it applicable to such services, is entered into except that if a modification is entered into after December 31, 1954, and prior to January 1, 1958, which applies to individuals covered by an existing retirement sys-

tem, such modification may be effective with respect to services performed after December 31, 1954, or after a later date specified in such modification.

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(d) All services which constitute employment as defined in RCW 41.48.020 and are performed in the employ of the state by employees of the state, shall be covered by the agreement;

(e) All services which (i) constitute employment as defined in RCW 41.48.020, (ii) are performed in the employ of a political subdivision of the state, and (iii) are covered by a plan which is in conformity with the terms of the agreement and has been approved by the governor under RCW 41.48.050, shall be covered by the agreement; and

(f) As modified, the agreement shall include all services described in either paragraph (d) or paragraph (e) of this subsection and performed by individuals to whom section 218 (c) (3) (C) of the social security act is applicable, and shall provide that the service of any such individual shall continue to be covered by the agreement in case he thereafter becomes eligible to be a member of a retirement system; and

(g) As modified, the agreement shall include all services described in either paragraph (d) or paragraph (e) of this subsection and performed by individuals in positions covered by a retirement system with respect to which the governor has issued a certificate to the secretary of health, education, and welfare pursuant to subsection (5) of this section.

(2) Any instrumentality jointly created by this state and any other state or states is hereby authorized, upon the granting of like authority by such other state or states, (a) to enter into an agreement with the secretary of health, education, and welfare whereby the benefits of the federal old-age and survivors insurance system shall be extended

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to employees of such instrumentality, (b) to require its employees to pay (and for that purpose to deduct from their wages) contributions equal to the amounts which they would be required to pay under RCW 41.48.040 (1) if they were covered by an agreement made pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, and (c) to make payments to the secretary of the treasury in accordance with such agreement, including payments from its own funds, and otherwise to comply with such agreements. Such agreement shall, to the extent practicable, be consistent with the terms and provisions of subsection (1) and other provisions of this chapter.

(3) The governor is empowered to authorize a referendum, and to designate an agency or individual to supervise its conduct, in accordance with the requirements of section 218 (d) (3) of the social security act, and subsection (4) of this section on the question of whether service in all positions covered by a retirement system established by the state or by a political subdivision thereof should be excluded from or included under an agreement under this chapter. If a retirement system covers positions of employees of the state of Washington, the university of Washington, the state college of Washington and the several colleges of education, and positions of employees of one or more of the political subdivisions of the state, then for the purpose of the referendum as provided herein, there may be deemed to be a separate retirement system with respect to employees of the state, or any one or more of the political subdivisions, or institutions of higher learning named herein and the governor shall authorize a referendum upon request of the subdivisions' or institutions' of higher learning governing body: *Provided however*, That if a referendum of state employees generally fails to produce a favorable majority vote then the governor may authorize

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a referendum covering positions of employees in any state department who are compensated in whole or in part from grants made to this state under title III of the federal social security act: *Provided*, That any city or town affiliated with the statewide city employees retirement system organized under chapter 41.44 may at its option agree to a plan submitted by the board of trustees of said statewide city employees retirement system for inclusion under an agreement under this chapter if the referendum to be held as provided herein indicates a favorable result: *Provided further*, That the Teachers' Retirement System be considered one system for the purpose of the referendum except as applied to the several colleges of education. The notice of referendum required by section 218 (d) (3) (C) of the social security act to be given to employees shall contain or shall be accompanied by a statement, in such form and such detail as the agency or individual designated to supervise the referendum shall deem necessary and sufficient, to inform the employees of the rights which will accrue to them and their dependents and survivors, and the liabilities to which they will be subject, if their services are included under an agreement under this chapter.

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(4) The governor, before authorizing a referendum, shall require the following conditions to be met:

(a) The referendum shall be by secret written ballot on the question of whether service in positions covered by such retirement system shall be excluded from or included under the agreement between the governor and the secretary of health, education, and welfare provided for in RCW 41.48.030 (1);

(b) An opportunity to vote in such referendum shall be given and shall be limited to eligible employees;

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(c) Not less than ninety days' notice of such referendum shall be given to all such employees;

(d) Such referendum shall be conducted under the supervision (of the governor or) of an agency or individual designated by the governor;

(e) The proposal for coverage shall be approved only if a majority of the eligible employees vote in favor of including services in such positions under the agreement;

(f) The state legislature, in the case of a referendum affecting the rights and liabilities of state employees covered under the state employees' retirement system and employees under the teachers' retirement system, and in all other cases the local legislative authority or governing body, shall have specifically approved the proposed plan and approved any necessary structural adjustment to the existing system to conform with the proposed plan.

(5) Upon receiving satisfactory evidence that with respect to any such referendum the conditions specified in subsection (4) of this section and section 218 (d) (3) of the social security act have been met, the governor shall so certify to the secretary of health, education, and welfare.

Emergency.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the support of the state government and shall take effect immediately.

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