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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY SPECIAL,
MARCH 11, 1919.

AN ACT

To amend sections three and five of an act approved the twentieth day of May one thousand nine hundred fifteen (Pamphlet Laws five hundred sixty-six) entitled "An act requiring cities of the first class to establish a pension fund for employes of said cities and all county or other public employes if any paid by appropriation of the city councils thereof and out of the treasury of said cities and regulating the administration and the payment of such pensions" as amended giving credit to employes of such cities for time in the service of the Commonwealth fixing the contributions of such employes and permitting employes leaving the employ of the city to continue as contributors in order to become beneficiaries of said fund.

1 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*
3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That*

1 section three of an act approved the twentieth day of
2 May one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (Pamphlet
3 Laws five hundred sixty-six) entitled "An act requiring
4 cities of the first class to establish a pension fund for
5 employes of said cities and all county or other public
6 employes if any paid by appropriation of the city councils
7 thereof and out of the treasury of said cities and
8 regulating the administration and the payment of such
9 pensions which as amended by an act approved the fifth
10 day of July one thousand nine hundred and seventeen
11 (Pamphlet Laws six hundred eighty-nine) entitled "An act
12 to amend sections three four five six and eleven of an
13 act approved the twentieth day of May one thousand
14 nine hundred and fifteen entitled "An act requiring cities
15 of the first class to establish a pension fund for em-
16 ployes of said cities and all county or other public em-
17 ployes if any paid by appropriation of the city councils
18 thereof and out of the treasury of said cities and regu-
19 lating the administration and the payment of such pen-
20 sions'" reads as follows

21 Section 3 Every person now or hereafter employed by
22 the said cities or paid out of the city treasury thereof
23 as herein above provided if any of the age of sixty
24 years and upwards who shall have been so employed for
25 a period of twenty years or more shall upon application
26 to the board of pensions herein created be retired from
27 service and shall during the remainder of his or her life
28 receive a pension or compensation fixed by this act sub-
29 ject to such qualifications as are herein contained Pro-

1 vided That if any person or persons had been employed
2 by the said cities for a period covering eighteen years
3 or more prior to the passage of this act and shall
4 thereafter be re-employed it shall be necessary that the
5 period of their re-employment shall extend over a period
6 of two years or more before such person or persons
7 shall be entitled to receive the pension fixed by this act
8 is hereby amended to read as follows

9 Section 3 Every person now or hereafter employed by
10 the said cities or paid out of the city treasury thereof
11 as herein above provided if any of the age of sixty
12 years and upwards who shall have been so employed for
13 a period of twenty years or more shall upon application
14 to the board of pensions herein created be retired from
15 service and shall during the remainder of his or her
16 life receive a pension or compensation fixed by this act
17 subject to such qualifications as are herein contained Pro-
18 vided That if any person or persons had been employed
19 by the said cities for a period covering eighteen years
20 or more prior to the passage of this act and shall
21 thereafter be re-employed it shall be necessary that the
22 period of their re employment shall extend over a period
23 of two years or more before such person or persons
24 shall be entitled to receive the pension fixed by this
25 act Provided further That any person who has been in
26 the service of the Commonwealth and resigns therefrom
27 and enters the employ of any such city and contributes
28 to such fund shall when his combined service with the
29 Commonwealth and the city covers a period of twenty

1 years if sixty years of age and upwards be retired
2 from service and shall during the remainder of his or
3 her life receive the pension or compensation fixed by this
4 act subject however to such conditions and qualifications
5 with regard to contributions to such fund after his or
6 her retirement as are now required of persons who are
7 retired before having made contributions to such fund for
8 a period of twenty years Provided further That any em-
9 ploye of such city who has contributed to such fund
10 shall if he resigns or leaves the employ of such city
11 and enters the employ of the Commonwealth be permitted
12 to continue to contribute to such fund after he leaves
13 the employ of such city and shall when his combined
14 service with the city and the Commonwealth covers a
15 period of twenty years if sixty years of age and up-
16 wards receive during the remainder of his or her life
17 the pension or compensation fixed by this act subject
18 however to such conditions and qualifications with regard
19 to contributions to such fund after his or her retire-
20 ment as are now required of persons who are retired
21 before having made contributions to such fund for a
22 period of twenty years

23 Section 2 That section five of said act as amended
24 which reads as follows

25 Section 5 The city county or other public employes
26 if any herein mentioned shall after the passage of this
27 act pay unto the board of pensions monthly an amount
28 equal to four per centum of their monthly salaries or wages
29 in no event however paying at a rate greater than four

1 dollars a month which shall be applied to the purposes
2 of this act Payment of the monthly amount or contribu-
3 tion herein mentioned shall cease and be discontinued at
4 the time the beneficiary receives the pension herein pro-
5 vided if such beneficiary has so contributed to the pen-
6 sion fund during a period of twenty years If at the
7 time the beneficiary receives the pension herein provided he
8 or she shall not have been a contributor to the pen-
9 sion fund during a period of twenty years such persons
10 shall be required to pay unto the board of pensions an
11 amount equal to four percentum of his or her monthly
12 pension until such time as his or her contribution shall
13 have extended during a period of twenty years If for
14 any cause an employe contributing to the pension fund
15 shall cease to be an employe of any such cities of the
16 first class or other county or public employes paid out of
17 the treasury of such cities before said employe becomes
18 entitled to the pension conferred by this act the total
19 amount of the contributions paid into the pension fund by
20 such employe shall be refunded to him in full without in-
21 terest Provided however If any such employe shall have
22 returned to him or her the amount contributed as afore-
23 said and shall afterward re-enter such public employment
24 said employe shall not be entitled to the pension desig-
25 nated until twenty years after said re-employment unless
26 he or she shall return to the pension fund the amount
27 withdrawn in which event the period of twenty years
28 shall be computed from the time said employe first entered

1 the such public service In the event of the death of
2 any employe before the said employe becomes entitled to
3 the pension aforesaid the said total amount of contribu-
4 tions aforesaid shall be paid over to the estate of said
5 deceased employe" is hereby amended to read as follows

6 Section 5 The city county or other public employes
7 if any herein mentioned shall after the passage of this
8 act pay unto the board of pensions monthly an amount
9 equal to four per centum of their monthly salaries or
10 wages in no event however paying at a rate greater
11 than four dollars a month which shall be applied to
12 the purposes of this act Payment of the monthly amount
13 or contribution herein mentioned shall cease and be dis-
14 continued at the time the beneficiary received the pen-
15 sion herein provided if such beneficiary has so contributed
16 to the pension fund during a period of twenty years If
17 at the time the beneficiary receives the pension herein pro-
18 vided he or she shall not have been a contributor to
19 the pension fund during a period of twenty years such
20 persons shall be required to pay unto the board of pen-
21 sions an amount equal to two per centum of his or
22 her monthly pension until such time as his or her contri-
23 bution shall have extended during a period of twenty
24 years If for any cause an employe contributing to the
25 pension fund shall cease to be an employe of any such
26 cities of the first class or other county or public em-
27 ployes paid out of the treasury of such cities before said
28 employe becomes entitled to the pension conferred by this
29 act the total amount of the contributions paid into the

1 pension fund by such employe shall be refunded to him in
2 full without interest Provided however If any such em-
3 ploye shall have returned to him or her the amount
4 contributed as aforesaid and shall afterward re-enter such
5 public employment said employe shall not be entitled to
6 the pension designated until twenty years after the said
7 re-employment unless he or she shall return to the pen-
8 sion fund the amount withdrawn in which event the period
9 of twenty years shall be computed from the time said
10 employe first entered the such public service In the event
11 of the death of any employe before the said employe be-
12 comes entitled to the pension aforesaid the said total
13 amount of contributions aforesaid shall be paid over to
14 the estate of said deceased employe