

six of section one of this act, who, by written application to the Retirement Board, shall, either as an original member or a new member, elect to be covered by the retirement system. Any State employe who becomes a State employe subsequent to the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred twenty-four, shall during the first twelve months of employment as a State employe have the option of membership, but, after the first twelve months of such employment as a State employe, membership as a new member shall be compulsory: *Provided, however, that neither the Governor nor the Lieutenant Governor, nor the head or deputy heads of any administrative department, nor the members of any independent administrative board or commission, or of any departmental administrative board or commission, or of any advisory board or commission, nor the secretary to the Governor, nor the budget secretary shall be compelled to become members of said State employes' retirement association.*

Proviso.

APPROVED—The 22d day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 215

AN ACT

Making it unlawful for any architect or engineer, in the employ of the Commonwealth, or of any county, municipality, borough, township, or other subdivision of the Commonwealth, and engaged in the preparation of plans, specifications, or estimates, to bid on any public work, or to be interested in contracts for public work; making it unlawful for the officers of the Commonwealth, or any county, municipality, borough, township, or other subdivision of the Commonwealth, to award the contract to any such architect or engineer in the employ of the Commonwealth; and fixing penalties.

Contracts for public work.

Architect or engineer not to bid.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That from and after the passage of this act, it shall be unlawful for any architect or engineer, in the employ of the Commonwealth, or of any county, municipality, borough, township, or other subdivision of the Commonwealth, and engaged in the preparation of plans, specifications, or estimates, to bid on any public work at any letting of such work in this Commonwealth.

Contract not to be let to architect or engineer.

Section 2. It shall also be unlawful for the officers of the Commonwealth, or of any county, municipality, borough, township, or other subdivision of the Commonwealth, charged with the duty of letting any public work, to award a contract to any such architect or engineer, in the employ of the Commonwealth, or of any county, municipality, borough, township, or other subdivision of the Commonwealth.

Architect or engineer not to be interested in public contract.

Section 3. It shall not be lawful for any architect or engineer, in the employ of the Commonwealth, or of any county, municipality, borough, township, or

other subdivision of the Commonwealth, to be in any wise interested in any contract for public work, nor receive any remuneration or gratuity from any person interested in such contract.

Section 4. Any person or persons violating these provisions, or either of them, shall forfeit his office, and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or to undergo imprisonment of not less than six months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Penalty.

APPROVED—The 20th day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No 216

AN ACT

Exempting ice cream cabinets, ice cream containers, and the appurtenances thereto, leased, loaned, hired, or conditionally sold, from levy or sale on execution or distress for rent.

Ice cream cabinets and containers.

When loaned, leased, or sold conditionally, to be exempt from sale on execution or distress for rent.

Name and address of owner, lessor or conditional vendor.

Notice to landlord.

Repeal.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That hereafter all ice cream cabinets, ice cream containers, and the appurtenances thereto, loaned to, or leased or hired by, any person or persons residing within this Commonwealth, or any corporation or corporations doing business therein, or conditionally sold to any such person, persons, corporation or corporations, under a contract of sale reserving title in the vendor until paid for, shall be exempt from levy and sale on execution or distress for rent, so long as the title thereto remains in the owner, lessor, or conditional vendor: Provided, That the name and address of the owner, lessor, or conditional vendor of such ice cream cabinets or ice cream containers be marked on, or be attached to, said ice cream cabinets or ice cream containers, on a conspicuous part thereof, or that the owner, lessor, or conditional vendor of such ice cream cabinets or ice cream containers and appurtenances, or his, its, or their agent, shall have given written notice to the landlord, or his or its agent, at the time of loaning, leasing, hiring, or conditionally selling, or within ten days after the same is placed in the premises, that the same are loaned, leased, hired, or sold under reservation of title.

Section 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

APPROVED—The 22d day of April, A. D. 1927.

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