

(b) that the cost of administration and operation shall not exceed the average of districts of the same class within the same county, and shall be in compliance with good business practices.

APPROVED—The 19th day of March, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 402

AN ACT

Amending the act of July twenty-eight, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 723), entitled "An act relating to counties of the second class; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," extending retirement benefits to veterans of armed conflicts.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

The Second Class
County Code.

Section 1. Subsection (d) of section one thousand seven hundred ten of article XVII, of the act of July twenty-eight, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 723), known as "The Second Class County Code," is amended to read:

Subsection (d).
section 1710,
article XVII,
act of July 28,
1953, P. L. 723,
amended.

Section 1710. *Employes Entitled to Retirement Allowances.*—

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(d) Any county employe who on and after the sixteenth day of September, one thousand nine hundred forty, has been employed by the county or county institution district for a period of six or more months, and who, on or subsequent to such date, shall have enlisted or been inducted into military service of the United States in time of war or national emergency, so proclaimed by the President or the Congress of the United States, or any police action in which the United States is engaged, or shall serve in the military service of the United States during any armed conflict, shall have credited to his employment record, for retirement benefits, all of the time spent by him in such military service during the continuance of such war, armed conflict, national emergency or police action, if such person returns or has heretofore returned to his employment within one year after his separation from military service and such payments as are required to be made by such county employe into the county employes' retirement fund shall be paid into such fund by the county or county institution district, upon application by such county employe for retirement benefits. Any county employe who has been in military service and returned

to the employ of the county or county institution district shall, within one year after the effective date of this article, file with the board a record of the time spent by him in such military service. Any county employe who has been in military service prior to the effective date of this article and has made payments into the county employes' retirement fund to secure for his employment record credit for his military service shall be reimbursed to the full extent of such payments by the board.

APPROVED—The 19th day of March, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER.

No. 403

AN ACT

Amending the act of July twelve, one thousand nine hundred thirty-five (Pamphlet Laws 677), entitled "An act to fix the status of officers and employes of the Commonwealth and political subdivisions thereof while in training with the armed forces of the United States," including members of the United States Air Force.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1, act of
July 12, 1935,
P. L. 677,
amended.

Section 1. Section one, act of July twelve, one thousand nine hundred thirty-five (Pamphlet Laws 677), entitled "An act to fix the status of officers and employes of the Commonwealth and political subdivisions thereof while in training with the armed forces of the United States," is amended to read:

Officers and
employes of the
Commonwealth
or political
subdivision.

Member of United
States armed
forces.

Leave of absence.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That all officers and employes of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or of any political subdivision thereof, members, either enlisted or commissioned, of any reserve component of the United States Army, Navy, [or] Marine Corps, *or Air Force*, shall be entitled to leave of absence from their respective duties without loss of pay, time, or efficiency rating on all days not exceeding fifteen in any one year during which they shall, as members of such reserve components, be engaged in the active service of the United States or in field training ordered or authorized by the Federal forces.

APPROVED—The 19th day of March, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER