

If a majority of the electors of each school district voting therein shall be in favor of merger, as shown by the returns of the election, a certificate of the returns shall be filed with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the prothonotary of the court of common pleas, the county board of school directors, and the board of school directors of each of said school districts. The merger shall become effective on the first Monday in July next succeeding the election. The merger shall be effective as to only those districts in which a majority of the electors voting on the question shall have assented to the merger. If the electors do not assent to the merger, revised plans shall be submitted within five years in accordance with the foregoing procedure.

Effective immediately.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 15th day of April, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 19

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 28, 1915 (P. L. 596), entitled "An act requiring cities of the second class to establish a pension fund for employes of said cities, and regulating the administration and the payment of such pensions," extending the time for authority employes to join or refuse to join the pension fund.

Cities of the second class.

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

Section 15, act of May 28, 1915, P. L. 596, amended February 1, 1956, P. L. 990, further amended.

Section 1. Section 15, act of May 28, *1915 (P. L. 596), entitled "An act requiring cities of the second class to establish a pension fund for employes of said cities, and regulating the administration and the payment of such pensions," amended February 1, 1956 (P. L. 990), is amended to read:

Authorities to reimburse board of pensions.

Section 15. Every authority, the employes of which are members of the fund as hereinabove provided for, shall pay to the board of pensions an amount sufficient to reimburse the board of pensions for the amount of benefits paid employes of such authority, as provided for by the act of which this amendment is a part, after receiving credit for all contributions made to the pension fund by employes of such authority: Provided, however, That where an employe of any authority formerly worked for the city creating the authority, or for the city joining in the creation of the authority, or for the city joining an authority already created, the annual pension requirement or other benefits shall

Amount of reimbursement.

Proviso.

* "1815" in original.

be prorated on the basis that the number of years such employe worked for the authority bears to total years of service in city and authority employment, and the authority shall reimburse the board of pensions for that proportionate part of the pension or other benefits paid which the authority service bears to the total, and the balance of annual pension requirements or other benefits shall be paid by such cities.

Every authority employe shall have the option of joining or refusing to join the pension fund [within twelve months of the effective date of this act] *on or before March 1, 1960*, or within twelve months of the date when the privilege of joining occurs, whichever is later. Any authority employe shall receive full credit toward his pension under the act for each year of service as the employe of the authority, upon his producing proof satisfactory to the pension board of the number of years of his service as an employe of the authority, and upon his making back payments at the same rate as if he had been a city employe, in a lump sum or by installments, as may be determined by the board. If the employe is retired under this act before the back payments have been completed, the annuity shall be reduced by an amount equivalent to the unpaid back payments or deduction increases not anticipated.

Option of employe.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 15th day of April, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 20

AN ACT

Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P. L. 323), entitled "An act relating to counties of the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," increasing the mileage allowance for county officers to meetings of their State associations.

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

The County Code.

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 443, act of August 9, 1955 (P. L. 323), known as "The County Code," is amended to read:

Subsection (a), section 443, act of August 9, 1955, P. L. 323, amended.

Section 443. Expenses of Attending Members to be Paid by County; Time Limit on Meetings.—(a) The expenses of all authorized county officers attending the annual meetings of their associations shall be paid by the several counties out of general county funds. Each of these officers, except the county commissioners, shall be