

date of this amending act, are hereby validated and confirmed irrespective of any limitation heretofore placed on the councils of cities in setting aside, apportioning and appropriating such sums.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 15th day of July, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.

No. 166

AN ACT

SB 984

Amending the act of July 3, 1947 (P. L. 1242), entitled "An act relating to police and firemen's pension funds in cities of the second class A, and directing such cities to appropriate certain moneys thereto, and requiring reports and audits," providing for additional appropriations and payments to police and firemen's pension funds in order to extend credit for certain military service in the armed forces of the United States.

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

Section 1. Section 1, act of July 3, 1947 (P. L. 1242), entitled "An act relating to police and firemen's pension funds in cities of the second class A, and directing such cities to appropriate certain moneys thereto, and requiring reports and audits," amended September 21, 1959 (P. L. 918), is amended to read:

Section 1. There shall be paid over, as hereinafter provided, to the organization or association constituting and having in charge the distribution of police and firemen's pension funds in every city of the second class A, three per centum (3%) of all city taxes collected by the city, other than taxes levied to pay interest on or to extinguish the debt of the city, or any part thereof, to be divided equally between the police and firemen's association or organization. In addition to the three per centum (3%) of city taxes required to be paid pursuant to this section, moneys shall be appropriated by cities of the second class A to organizations and associations distributing police and firemen's pension funds, whenever necessary to enable the organizations or associations to pay the amounts of minimum pensions prescribed by act of Assembly, pursuant to section 11 of article III. of the Constitution of Pennsylvania. In addition to the above payments and appropriations, moneys may be appropriated by cities of the second class A to organizations and associations distributing police and firemen's pension funds, whenever necessary, to entitle any policeman or fire-

man who is a member ¹ of the pension fund and who served in the armed forces of the United States subsequent to September 1, 1940, and who was not a member of the police or firemen's pension funds prior to such military service, and who commenced employment as a policeman or fireman in a city of the second class A within three (3) years from date of release from active duty to have full credit for each year or fraction thereof, not to exceed five (5) years of such service upon his payment to the police or firemen's pension fund an amount equal to that which he would have paid had he been a member during the period for which he desires credit computed with reference to the compensation he received upon entry into city service as a policeman or fireman and his current percentage of salary deductions, and an additional amount as the equivalent of the contributions of the city on account of such military service, which amount may be paid in a lump sum or by installments as may be approved by the organizations or associations distributing pension funds to police and firemen.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 15th day of July, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.

No. 167

AN ACT

SB 985

Amending the act of September 23, 1959 (P. L. 970), entitled, "An act providing for the creation, maintenance and operation of an employees' retirement system in cities of the second class A, and imposing certain charges on cities of the second class A and school districts in cities of the second class A," extending credit for certain military service in the armed services of the United States.

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

¹ "to" in original.