

class A shall not be changed because its population was below the minimum figure for its class at the time of one United States decennial census, because it is recognized that a change in the form of a municipal government is attended by certain expense and hardship and such change should not be occasioned by a temporary fluctuation in population but rather only after it is demonstrated by two censuses that the population of a city has remained below the minimum figure of its class for at least a decade.

Election of officers.

At the municipal election occurring not less than one month after the date of such certificate the proper officers shall be elected to which the said city will become entitled under the change in classification, and upon the first Monday of April next ensuing the terms of all officers of said city then in office whose offices are superseded by reason thereof shall cease and determine, and the city government shall be duly organized and shall thereafter be controlled and regulated by the laws of this Commonwealth applicable to the same under the classification hereby fixed and appointed.

Terms of office.

Organization of city government.

Government of cities of second class A.

Until otherwise provided by law, cities of the second class A shall continue to be governed, and shall have all the powers, privileges and prerogatives now provided by the laws of the Commonwealth relating to cities of the second class.

Act effective immediately.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 16th day of August, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 286

A SUPPLEMENT

To the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws 858), entitled "An act establishing a State employes' retirement system, and creating a retirement board for the administration thereof; establishing certain funds from contributions by the Commonwealth and contributing State employes, defining the uses and purposes thereof and the manner of payments therefrom, and providing for the guaranty by the Commonwealth of certain of said funds; imposing powers and duties upon the heads of departments in which State employes serve; excepting annuities, allowances, returns, benefits, and rights from taxation and judicial process; and providing penalties," by permitting certain members to obtain credit for military service who were not eligible members at time of entry into military service.

State employes' retirement system.

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

Section 1. Any member of the State employes' retirement system created by the act to which this is a supplement who, at the time he entered the active military service, was employed by the Commonwealth but who, at such time, was not eligible for membership in the State employes' retirement system but has since become eligible for such membership, shall, for a period of six months after the effective date of this act, be entitled to credit for the period of such active military service, by paying into the State Employes' Retirement Fund, an amount which shall be equal to the salary deductions which such member would have paid if a member of the retirement system multiplied by the number of semi-monthly periods during which such member was absent from State service in the active military service, to the credit of the annuity savings account, in such manner as may be agreed upon by the member and the State Employes' Retirement Board; but in no event shall such payments be made in installments less than sufficient to pay such amount by the time the member attains superannuation retirement age.

Certain members of retirement system who were not eligible members at time of entry into military service permitted to obtain credit for period of such military service.

Section 2. For the purposes of this act, "active military service" shall mean full time service in the armed forces of the United States or any of its allies for any period of time between the sixteenth day of September, one thousand nine hundred forty, and the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred forty-six.

Meaning of "active military service."

Section 3. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 16th day of August, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 287

AN ACT

To amend section 625 of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," by authorizing municipalities to grant special permits for the discharge of flobert rifles and other types of firearms in such municipalities, for particular purposes.

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

"The Penal Code."

Section 1. Section 625 of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 625, act of June 24, 1939, P. L. 872, amended.