

obligations and the interest to maturity thereon shall have been set aside in trust for the benefit of the holders of such bonds, notes or other obligations and shall continue to be held for that purpose, the turnpike and the connecting roads, tunnels and bridges shall become a part of the system of State highways and shall be maintained by the Department of Highways free of tolls; and thereupon, the Commission shall be dissolved, and all funds of the Commission not required for the payment of the bonds, notes or other obligations, and all machinery, equipment and other property belonging to the Commission, shall be vested in the Department of Highways.

Act to be liberally construed.

Section 19. The foregoing sections of this act shall be deemed to provide an additional and alternative method for the doing of things authorized thereby, and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to powers conferred by other laws, and shall not be regarded as in derogation of any powers now existing. Such sections, being necessary for the welfare of the Commonwealth and its inhabitants, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes thereof.

Constitutionality and severability.

Section 20. The provisions of this act are severable, and if any of its provisions shall be held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this act would have been adopted had such unconstitutional provisions not been included therein.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

Section 21. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Act effective immediately.

Section 22. This act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment.

APPROVED—This 14th day of January, A. D. 1952.

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No. 548

AN ACT

To further amend the act, approved the eighteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred seventeen (Pamphlet Laws 1043), entitled "An act establishing a public school employes' retirement system, and creating a retirement board for the administration thereof; establishing certain funds from contributions by the Commonwealth and contributing 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 boards having the employment of public school employes; exempting annuities, allowances, returns, benefits, and rights from taxation

and judicial process; and providing penalties," by permitting certain beneficiaries to change from the one one-hundred-sixtieth (1/160) to the one one-hundred-fortieth (1/140) class and to receive the benefits thereof.

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

Section 1. Section 8 of the act, approved the eighteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred seventeen (Pamphlet Laws 1043), entitled "An act establishing a public school employes' retirement system, and creating a retirement board for the administration thereof; establishing certain funds from contributions by the Commonwealth and contributing 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 boards having the employment of public school employes; exempting annuities, allowances, returns, benefits, and rights from taxation and judicial process; and providing penalties," is hereby amended by adding, at the end thereof, a new subsection to read as follows:

*School Employes' Retirement Fund and Accounts
Section 8.

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10. *Any person who was a contributor carrying membership in the one one-hundred-sixtieth (1/160) class between the first day of September, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine, and the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred fifty, and eligible to transfer to the one one-hundred-fortieth (1/140) class, but who retired before the effective date of this act without making such transfer, may effect such transfer by notifying and paying to the retirement board, before the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred fifty-two, a sum equal to the difference between the sum of the amounts that would have been deducted from his salary after the first day of September, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine, until the date of his retirement, if he had elected to contribute as a member of the one one-hundred-fortieth (1/140) class, and the sum of the amounts actually deducted from his salary during such period. Thereupon, every such person shall be entitled, as of the date of his retirement, to the benefits provided by this act for members of the one one-hundred-fortieth (1/140) class.*

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

Public school employes' retirement system.

Section 8, act of July 18, 1917, P. L. 1043, amended by adding, at end thereof, a new subsection 10.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 14th day of January, A. D. 1952.

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* "Funds" in original.