

dred dollars (\$300). The magistrate, alderman, or justice of the peace, shall also require the owner or keeper of the vicious dog to post bond with sufficient surety in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) to insure payment of damages or injuries caused by the vicious dog.

APPROVED—The 7th day of September, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 144

AN ACT

To further amend 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 providing additional time for making an election.

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

Section 1. The first paragraph of section fourteen of 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," as last amended by the act, approved the twentieth day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1532), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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Section 14. At the time of his or her superannuation retirement, *or within sixty (60) days thereafter*, any contributor may elect to receive his or her benefits in a retirement allowance, payable throughout life *dated*

State employes' retirement association.

First paragraph of section 14, act of June 27, 1923, P. L. 858, last amended May 20, 1949, P. L. 1532, further amended.

from the time of his or her retirement; or he or she may elect to receive the full amount of the accumulated deductions standing to his or her individual credit in the annuity savings account; or he or she may, on superannuation retirement, elect to receive the actuarial equivalent at that time of his or her member's annuity, State annuity, or retirement allowance, in a lesser member's annuity, or a lesser State annuity, or a less retirement allowance, payable throughout life, with the provisions that—

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Act effective immediately.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 7th day of September, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 145

AN ACT

Amending the act of March seven, one thousand nine hundred one (Pamphlet Laws 20), entitled "An act for the government of cities of the second class," authorizing cities to abolish the office of collector of delinquent city taxes where the same now exists; providing for the collection of such taxes by the city treasurers or by clerks and employes appointed by him and the payment of compensation and expenses therefor; authorizing city treasurers to appoint clerks and employes for tax collection purposes; designating the fund into which the interest and penalties shall be paid; transferring employes from the office of the delinquent tax collector to the city treasurer's office; and making said employes eligible to join, and granting them certain credits upon joining, the city retirement system.

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

Article V, act of March 7, 1901, P. L. 20, amended by adding four new sections.

Section 1. Article V, act of March seven, one thousand nine hundred one (Pamphlet Laws 20), entitled "An act for the government of cities of the second class," is amended by adding at the end thereof four new sections to read:

Article V.

Department of Collector of Delinquent Taxes

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Office of collector of delinquent taxes in cities of the second class may be abolished by ordinance without abatement of delinquent taxes, penalties or interest.

Section 2. Wherever the office of collector of delinquent taxes now exists in any city of the second class by virtue either of any general, special or local act, the office may be abolished by ordinance of such cities. The collectors of delinquent taxes, who shall, upon the effective date of any such ordinance, have in their possession a warrant or warrants for the collection of delinquent taxes that are not fully executed, shall continue to collect such