

professorship and has been an associate professor for at least three years when recommended by the president of the college and approved by the board of trustees.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be vested with the sole and final authority in interpreting the provisions of this act pertaining to the classification of any person covered thereby, *according to the policies developed by the board of presidents of State Teachers Colleges.*

Appropriation.

Section 2. The sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction for the purpose of paying increased minimum salaries and increments provided under the provisions of this amendatory act.

APPROVED—The 13th day of April, A. D. 1956.

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No. 486

AN ACT

Amending the act of June twenty-seven, 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," changing the provisions as to contributors who died before retirement.

State employes' retirement system.

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

Sections 14.2 and 14.3, act of June 27, 1923, P. L. 858, added July 29, 1953, P. L. 993, further amended.

Section 1. Sections 14.2 and 14.3, act of June twenty-seven, 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 pro-

viding penalties," added July twenty-nine, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 993), are amended to read:

Retirement While in State Service

Section 14.2. Any contributor who is or was entitled to retire under the provisions of this act, by reason of having completed twenty-five (25) years of total service or by reason of having reached superannuation retirement age, and who shall die while in State service before filing with the retirement board a written application for retirement as heretofore provided, or has died [and whose payments into the fund have not been withdrawn,] *while in State service and without having filed a written statement as required in sections thirteen and fourteen of this act*, shall be considered as having elected Option 1, as provided in section fourteen of this act, as of the date of his or her death. In such event, payment under Option 1 shall be made to the beneficiary designated in the nomination of beneficiary form on file with the retirement board, [if] *or if* said beneficiary has predeceased the contributor, [payment under Option 1 shall be made] to the legal representative of said contributor. *If the contributor has died while in State service and his or her accumulated deductions have been paid as provided in subsection four of section eleven of this act to his or her estate or to the beneficiary designated in the nomination of beneficiary form on file with the retirement board, there shall be deducted from said payment under Option 1 the amount of said accumulated deductions.*

Section 14.3. The provisions of sections fourteen point one and fourteen point two shall apply to all contributors who became eligible for retirement before the twenty-ninth day of July, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three, and who have died since January first, one thousand nine hundred fifty, without having filed a written statement as required in sections thirteen and fourteen of [the] *this act* [to which this is an amendment]: Provided, however, That application for payment of benefits shall be made [within six (6) months of the effective date of this act] *on or before December thirty-one, one thousand nine hundred fifty-six.*

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 16th day of April, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER