

No. 540

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 former contributors who have become public school employes and members of the Public School Employes' Retirement System to restore membership in the State Employes' Retirement Association, and authorizing the transfer of monetary credits in the State Employes' Retirement Association to the Public School Employes' Retirement Association under certain conditions.

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

Section 1. Any person who has heretofore been a contributor and has ceased to be a State employe, and has become a public school employe and a member of the Public School Employes' Retirement Association, may restore his or her membership in the State Employes' Retirement Association by repaying to the retirement board the full amount of his or her accumulated deductions at the time of his or her ceasing to be a State employe or any part thereof that may have been heretofore withdrawn. Restoration of membership.

Section 2. Any person who has heretofore been a contributor and has ceased to be a State employe, and has become a public school employe and a member of the Public School Employes' Retirement Association, may request, in writing, the State Employes' Retirement Board to certify to the Public School Employes' Retirement Board the period of service for which credit has been allowed, and to transfer to the Public School Employes' Retirement Fund a sum equal to all contingent and State annuity reserves and the accumulated deductions to the credit of such employe in the State Employes' Retirement Fund, as determined by the State Employes' Retirement Board, for the purpose of establishing credit in the Public School Employes' Retirement Association, under which he may receive credit in that system as a public school employe for service previ- Request for certification of service and transfer of funds.

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ously credited to him in the State Employes' Retirement Association in accordance with the act, as amended, establishing the Public School Employes' Retirement Association. Upon receipt of such request the State Employes' Retirement Board shall make such certification and transfer of funds.

Act effective immediately.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 17th day of May, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 541

AN ACT

Limiting in certain cases the right of appeal to the court of common pleas from decisions of magistrates, aldermen and justices of the peace.

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

Limitation of the right of appeal in trespass cases.

Section 1. In every action of trespass before a magistrate, alderman or justice of the peace, in which a right of appeal from the decision thereof to the court of common pleas now exists, the right of appeal shall hereafter apply only where the judgment given by the magistrate, alderman or justice of the peace shall exceed the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100), excluding costs. In case the amount of the judgment does not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100), the judgment of the magistrate, alderman or justice of the peace shall be final except by petition to the court of common pleas for special allowance.

APPROVED—The 17th day of May, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 542

AN ACT

Amending the act of May thirty-one, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 377), entitled "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,