

by the State employe and the board, but in no event shall such increased payroll deductions be in amounts less than sufficient to pay such total back payments [and interest] by the time the member reaches superannuation retirement age.

(b) *If wage records are not available for the entire time of the person's employment, the deductions for the period for which records are not available shall be computed by using the average of the earliest two year period for which records are available.*

(c) *The period of service of any State employe to whom this act applies while in the employment of the United States Government shall not be included in determining additional State annuity on retirement under the provisions of clause (d) of subsection (2) of section 13 of the act to which this is a supplement, as added by the act of January nineteenth, one thousand nine hundred fifty-two (Pamphlet Laws 2176).*

Section 3. Moneys required to build up the reserves necessary for the payment of State annuities of such employes [loaned to the Federal Government] who take advantage of this act shall be payable from the [Administrative] *Administration Fund* created under section six hundred two of the Unemployment Compensation Law, approved the fifth day of December, one thousand nine hundred thirty-six (Pamphlet Laws 2897, 1937). *The right of any State employe to take advantage of the provisions of these amendments shall be contingent on moneys in the Administration Fund being available for the payments required by this section.*

Moneys required for reserves, payable from Administration Fund created under act of December 5, 1936, P. L. 2897, laws of 1937.

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

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 543

AN ACT

Amending the act of July eighteen, 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 authorizing the election of options by certain contributors at any time prior to retirement or death, and providing a presumption of an election in certain cases.

Retirement
system.

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

Act of July 18,
1917, P. L.
1043, amended
by adding a new
section 15.1.

Section 1. The act, approved July eighteen, 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, after section 15, a new section to read as follows:

Section 15.1. Any contributor who is entitled to retire under the provisions of this act by reason of having completed twenty-five (25) years of total school service or by reason of having reached superannuation retirement age may file, with the Retirement Board, a written application for retirement, in the form required for such application, but requesting that such retirement shall become effective as of the time of his death, electing one of the options provided in section 15 and nominating a beneficiary under said option as required in said section.

In all such cases, the application shall be held by the Retirement Board until the contributor shall file a later application for retirement, or until the death of the contributor occurring while in school service at which time his retirement shall become effective with the same benefits to the designated beneficiary as if the contributor had retired on the day immediately preceding his death.

Any contributor who is entitled to retire, under the provisions of this act, by reason of having completed twenty-five (25) years of total school service or by reason of having become eligible for superannuation retirement and who shall die while in school service before filing with the Retirement Board a written application for retirement, as heretofore provided, or who within ninety (90) days after the termination of his school service and prior to the date of his death, had

not entered upon withdrawal or superannuation retirement allowance or withdrawn his accumulated deductions, shall be considered as having elected to receive the actuarial equivalent of his or her full superannuation allowance under Option 1, as provided in section 15 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 by the member and filed with the Retirement Board. If said beneficiary has predeceased the contributor, payment under Option 1 shall be made to the legal representative of said contributor.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 18th day of May, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 544

AN ACT

Amending the act of March thirty, one thousand nine hundred seventeen (Pamphlet Laws 21), entitled "An act defining optometry; and relating to the right to practice optometry in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and making certain exceptions; and providing a Board of Optometrical Education, Examination, and Licensure, and means and methods whereby the right to practice optometry may be obtained; and providing for the means to carry out the provisions of this act; and providing for revocation or suspension of licenses given by said board, and providing penalties for violations thereof; and repealing all acts or parts of acts inconsistent therewith," regulating the advertising of products used for ophthalmic purposes, and providing penalties for violation thereof.

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

Optometry.

Section 1. Section two, act of March thirty, one thousand nine hundred seventeen (Pamphlet Laws 21), entitled "An act defining optometry; and relating to the right to practice optometry in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and making certain exceptions; and providing a Board of Optometrical Education, Examination, and Licensure, and means and methods whereby the right to practice optometry may be obtained; and providing for the means to carry out the provisions of this act; and providing for revocation or suspension of

Section 2, act of March 30, 1917, P. L. 21, amended May 19, 1923, P. L. 260, further amended.