

members of the fire department under said laws is hereby confirmed and made valid in so far as said action may be invalid by reason of failure to comply with the provisions of sections forty-eight and forty-nine A of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws relative to the filing of a petition for submitting to the voters the question of such acceptance.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved May 11, 1953.

AN ACT EXEMPTING PAUL E. JOHNSON OF EAST LONGMEADOW FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Chap.363

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make its provisions effective forthwith, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Emergency
preamble.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2 of option (d) of section twelve of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws, as amended, Paul E. Johnson, the surviving spouse of Jennie B. Johnson of East Longmeadow, who died August twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and fifty-two, may make an election within sixty days from the passage of this act to receive her accumulated total deductions to the retirement fund in one sum as a cash refund or to receive the member survivor benefits under said option.

Approved May 11, 1953.

AN ACT PROVIDING SICK LEAVE FOR PROBATION OFFICERS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS.

Chap.364

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 89 of chapter 276 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph, as amended by section 2 of chapter 217 of the acts of 1934, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:— The justice of a district court may, in the absence of a probation officer, appoint a temporary probation officer, who shall have the powers and perform the duties of such probation officer and shall receive from the county as compensation for each day's service an amount equal to the rate by the day of the compensation of the officer in whose place he serves; but compensation so paid to a temporary probation officer for service, in excess of thirty days in any one year, shall be deducted by the county treasurer from the compensation of the probation officer in whose place such service is rendered; provided, however, that if a probation officer is absent, due to his illness or physical disability, for a period not exceeding thirty days in any year, in addition to said thirty days, he shall be deemed to be on sick leave and no such deduction shall be made. Such thirty days' sick leave or any portion

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 276, § 89, etc., amended.

Sick leave for probation officers in district courts, regulated.