

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RETURN OF CERTAIN MONEYS PAID INTO THE STATE RETIREMENT FUND BY CERTAIN FORMER MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COURT. Chap.615

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

The state board of retirement is hereby authorized and directed upon request to pay from the state retirement fund to the surviving beneficiary or beneficiaries entitled thereto or the legal representatives of any former member of the general court who is deceased all contributions and accumulated total deductions paid into the state retirement fund by such member, less the amount, if any, paid to such member in the form of a retirement allowance.

*Approved June 9, 1954.*

AN ACT GIVING DISTRICT COURTS EXCLUSIVE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OF ACTIONS OF TORT ARISING OUT OF THE OWNERSHIP, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, CONTROL OR USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES. Chap.616

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 218 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 19, as most recently amended by section 3 of chapter 556 of the acts of 1954, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 19.* Except as herein otherwise provided, district courts shall have original jurisdiction concurrent with the superior court of actions of contract, tort and replevin, and also of actions in summary process under chapter two hundred and thirty-nine and proceedings under section forty-one of chapter two hundred and thirty-one. District courts shall have exclusive original jurisdiction of actions of tort arising out of the ownership, operation, maintenance, control or use of a motor vehicle. District courts shall also have jurisdiction of civil proceedings under chapter two hundred and seventy-three A.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 218, § 19, etc., amended.

District courts to have exclusive original jurisdiction in motor vehicle tort cases.

SECTION 2. The last sentence of the first paragraph of section 2 of chapter 223 of the General Laws, as amended by section 2 of said chapter 296, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 3, the word “may” and inserting in place thereof the word: — shall, — so as to read as follows: — An action of tort arising out of the ownership, operation, maintenance, control or use of a motor vehicle or trailer as defined in section one of chapter ninety shall be brought in a district court within the judicial district of which one of the parties lives or in any district court the judicial district of which adjoins and is in the same county as the judicial district in which the defendant lives or has his usual place of business; provided, that if one of the parties to any such action lives in Suffolk county such action may be brought in the municipal court of the city of Boston.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 223, § 2, etc., amended.

Venue.

SECTION 3. Chapter 231 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 102A the following sec-

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 231, new § 102B, added.