

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, BOSTON, July 1, 1943.

I hereby certify that the accompanying statement was filed in this office by His Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at ten o'clock and eight minutes, A.M., on the above date, and in accordance with Article Forty-eight of the Amendments to the Constitution said chapter takes effect forthwith, being chapter four hundred and ninety-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-three.

F. W. COOK,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Chap. 497 AN ACT CONTINUING IN EFFECT THE EXISTING MORTALITY TABLES AND RATES OF INTEREST APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN RETIREMENT SYSTEMS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS THEREOF.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The mortality tables and the rates of interest used in connection therewith for the retirement systems of the commonwealth and the political subdivisions thereof, other than the teachers' retirement system, which were in effect on January first, nineteen hundred and forty-three, shall continue in full force and effect until June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and forty-five; and the commissioner of insurance and the retirement boards of said retirement systems are hereby authorized and directed to use the tables and rates hereby continued in effect in computing the retirement allowances of persons under said systems up to and including said June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and forty-five.

Approved June 10, 1943.

Chap. 498 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS INTO THE TEACHERS' ANNUITY FUND AND TO CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE COMMONWEALTH TO SAID FUND.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Paragraph (2) of section nine of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section fourteen of chapter five hundred and eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, is hereby further amended by striking out the sentence contained in the twenty-first to the twenty-fourth lines, as appearing in section one of chapter four hundred and thirty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, — so as to read as follows: —

(2) The annuity fund shall consist of assessments paid by members and interest derived from investments of the annuity fund. Each member shall pay into the annuity fund, by deduction from his salary in the manner provided in section twelve (5), such assessments upon his salary as may be determined by the board. The rate of assessment shall be

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 32, § 9, etc., amended.

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established by the board on the first day of July of each year after a prior notice of at least three months, and shall at any given time be uniform for all members of the association, and shall not be less than three nor more than seven per cent of the member's salary; provided, that when the total sum of assessments on the salary of any member at the rate established by the board would amount to more than one hundred and thirty dollars or less than thirty-five dollars for a full school year, such member shall in lieu of assessments at the regular rate be assessed at the rate of one hundred and thirty dollars a year or thirty-five dollars a year, payable in equal instalments, to be assessed for the number of months during which the schools of the community in which such member is employed are commonly in session. A member, within thirty days prior to the date that his retirement takes effect under section ten, may pay in one sum into the annuity fund established by this paragraph any amount which he may elect, but not exceeding the amount which he may have to his credit at the time of his retirement, and the amount so contributed shall be considered as part of his regular assessments for all purposes except that it shall in no way affect the amount of his pension. The commonwealth shall in each odd-numbered year contribute such amount as is necessary to make good any deficiency in the annuity fund for active or retired members as of the preceding thirty-first day of December.

Approved June 10, 1943.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PAYMENTS TO OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF CERTAIN COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES WHO RESIGN OR ARE GRANTED A LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ENTER INTO THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES DURING THE PRESENT WAR. Chap. 499

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Any person in the service of any county, city or town in which this section is accepted by the county commissioners, mayor and city council or selectmen, as the case may be, who resigns or is granted a leave of absence from said service to enter into the military or naval service of the United States during the present war between the United States and certain foreign countries, shall be paid an amount equal to the vacation pay which he would have received in the year of his entry into said military or naval service, if his said employment had not been interrupted by said service; and in such case the official head of the department, board or commission in which he was last employed shall enter such amount on the pay roll of such department, board or commission.

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