

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2599 Session of
1996

INTRODUCED BY PISTELLA, OLASZ, WALKO, GIGLIOTTI, ITKIN,
LAUGHLIN, YOUNGBLOOD, PRESTON, COWELL, KAISER, READSHAW AND
PETRONE, MAY 8, 1996

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, MAY 8, 1996

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act relating to counties of the second class
3 and second class A; amending, revising, consolidating and
4 changing the laws relating thereto," further providing for
5 county employee retirement allowances.

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

8 Section 1. Section 1710(b) of the act of July 28, 1953
9 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code,
10 amended December 4, 1992 (P.L.776, No.121), is amended to read:

11 Section 1710. Employees Eligible for Retirement Allowances.--

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13 (b) Every county employe, other than a member of the police
14 force or the fire department or a fire inspector or a sheriff or
15 deputy sheriff, who was initially hired on or prior to the
16 effective date of this amendatory act, who has reached the age
17 of sixty years or upwards and who has to his or her credit a
18 period of service of eight years, but less than twenty years, or
19 every county employe, other than a member of the police or the

1 fire department or a fire inspector, who was hired after the
2 effective date of this amendatory act, who has reached the age
3 of sixty-five years or upwards, and who has to his or her credit
4 a period of service of ten years, but less than twenty years,
5 and every county employe who is a member of the police force or
6 the fire department or a fire inspector, and who shall have been
7 a county employe during a period of twenty or more years and has
8 reached the age of fifty years or upwards shall, upon
9 application to the board, be eligible for retirement from
10 service, and shall thereafter receive, during life, except as
11 hereinafter provided, a retirement allowance plus a service
12 increment if any, in accordance with the provisions of section
13 1712. Every county officer or employe who is a sheriff, deputy
14 sheriff [or], prison guard or probation officer who shall have
15 been a county officer or employe during a period of twenty or
16 more years and has reached the age of fifty-five years or
17 upward, shall, upon application to the board, be eligible for
18 retirement from service and shall thereafter receive, during
19 life, except as hereafter provided, a retirement allowance in
20 accordance with section 1712. The time spent in the employ of
21 the county or county institution district need not necessarily
22 have been continuous: Provided, That when any county employe has
23 twenty or more years service, not necessarily continuous, and
24 has reached the age of fifty years or upwards, and shall be
25 separated from the service of the county or county institution
26 district by reason of no cause or act of his or her own, upon
27 application to the board he or she shall thereafter receive,
28 during life, except as hereinafter provided, a retirement
29 allowance plus a service increment if any, in accordance with
30 the provisions of section 1712. The aforesaid retirement

1 allowance plus a service increment if any, shall be subject to a
2 suspension thereof in accordance with the provisions of
3 subsection (h) of this section 1710 and subsection (c) of
4 section 1712.

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6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.