

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 545 Session of
2003

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STABACK, TIGUE, WASHINGTON, CIVERA, J. TAYLOR, ADOLPH AND
SCHRODER, MARCH 3, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MARCH 3, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 31, 1971 (P.L.398, No.96), entitled
2 "An act providing for the creation, maintenance and operation
3 of a county employees' retirement system, and imposing certain
4 charges on counties and providing penalties," changing
5 vesting rights; and providing additional class options.

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

8 Section 1. Section 2(16) of the act of August 31, 1971
9 (P.L.398, No.96), known as the County Pension Law, amended
10 December 20, 1983 (P.L.282, No.75), is amended to read:

11 Section 2. Definitions.--As used in this act:

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13 (16) "Vesting" means the right of a contributor who
14 separates from service after having completed [eight] five or
15 more years of credited service to leave accumulated deductions
16 credited to his account in the fund and upon reaching
17 superannuation retirement age receive a superannuation

1 retirement allowance.

2 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

3 Section 7.1. Additional Class Options.--(a) The board may,
4 by rule, establish a one-fiftieth class or a one-fortieth class
5 with a required member contribution rate of nine per cent for
6 each class unless the board establishes a different contribution
7 rate in accordance with section 7(e).

8 (b) The board may, by rule, authorize the class adopted
9 pursuant to this section to be applied retroactively to the
10 employee's credit service.

11 (c) Whenever the board has, by rule, authorized the members
12 of the retirement system to make a transfer to the one-fiftieth
13 class or the one-fortieth class, the county annuity shall be
14 calculated in accordance with section 14(c) with the new classes
15 added. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 14(c), if the
16 board adopts the retroactivity provision in subsection (b), the
17 county annuity for all periods of service shall be calculated at
18 the one-fiftieth class rate or one-fortieth class rate, as the
19 case may be.

20 (d) The board may adopt rules pursuant to this section at
21 any time within the twelve-month period following the effective
22 date of this section.

23 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.