

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1333 Session of
2003

INTRODUCED BY BELFANTI, FLICK, MANN, SOLOBAY, DeWEESE, THOMAS, CAPPELLI, CRUZ, HARHAI, BUNT, REICHLEY, SURRA, PETRARCA, GEORGE, PETRONE, CASORIO, McGEEHAN, WASHINGTON, LAUGHLIN, BELARDI, RUFFING, READSHAW, SHANER, YOUNGBLOOD, GORDNER, GRUCELA, SAINATO, PRESTON, CURRY, GERGELY, DALEY, GOODMAN, JAMES AND WANSACZ, MAY 5, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAY 5, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 29, 1956 (1955 P.L.1804, No.600),
2 entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the establishment
3 of police pension funds or pension annuities in certain
4 boroughs, towns and townships; authorizing the establishment
5 of police pension funds or pension annuities by regional
6 police departments; providing for the regulation and
7 maintenance of police pension funds or pension annuities;
8 providing for an actuary; continuance of existing funds or
9 transfer thereof to funds herein established; prescribing
10 rights of beneficiaries; contributions by members; providing
11 for expenses of administration; continuation of existing
12 authority to provide annuity contracts; credit for military
13 service; refunds; exempting allowances from judicial process;
14 and repealing certain acts," further providing for length of
15 service and age requirements for pension eligibility.

16 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
17 hereby enacts as follows:

18 Section 1. Section 3 of the act of May 29, 1956 (1955
19 P.L.1804, No.600), referred to as the Municipal Police Pension
20 Law, amended May 10, 1996 (P.L.162, No.33), is amended to read:

21 Section 3. Each ordinance or resolution establishing a
22 police pension fund shall prescribe a minimum period of total

1 service in the aggregate of [twenty-five years] not less than
2 twenty years, in the same borough, town, township or regional
3 police department and [shall fix the age of the members of the
4 force at fifty-five years, or, if an actuarial study of the cost
5 shows that such reduction in age is feasible, may fix the age of
6 the members of the force at], when any minimum age is
7 prescribed, a minimum age of fifty years, after which they may
8 retire from active duty, and such members as are retired shall
9 be subject to service, from time to time, as a police reserve,
10 in cases of riot, tumult or preservation of the public peace
11 until unfitted for such service, when they may be finally
12 discharged by reason of age or disability.

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