

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 403 Session of
2005

INTRODUCED BY COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, ORIE, KITCHEN, GREENLEAF,
LAVALLE AND LOGAN, MARCH 21, 2005

REFERRED TO FINANCE, MARCH 21, 2005

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 employees eligible for 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 June 18, 1998 (P.L.693, No.89), is amended to read:

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

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13 (b) Every present or future county employe, other than a
14 member of the police force or the fire department or a fire
15 inspector or a sheriff or deputy sheriff, who has reached the
16 age of sixty years or upwards and who has to his or her credit a
17 period of service of twenty years or more, and every county
18 employe who is a member of the police force or the fire
19 department or a fire inspector, and who shall have been a county

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

1 during life, except as hereinafter provided, a retirement
2 allowance plus a service increment if any, in accordance with
3 the provisions of section 1713. The aforesaid retirement
4 allowance plus a service increment if any, shall be subject to a
5 suspension thereof in accordance with the provisions of
6 subsection (h) of this section 1710 and subsection (c) of
7 section 1712.

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