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CHAPTER 550

AN ACT to renumber 66.906 (1), as amended by chapter 179, laws of 1957; to amend 66.903 (2) (a) 1; and to create 66.903 (2) (a) 1p, 66.904 (1) (a) 10 and 12 and 66.906 (1) (c) and (e), relating to the contribution rates, prior service credits and compulsory retirement age of certain participating employes under the Wisconsin retirement fund.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 66.903 (2) (a) 1 of the statutes is amended to read:

66.903 (2) (a) 1. Normal contributions of 3 per cent of each payment of earnings, excepting any part of such earnings in excess of \$4,200 in any calendar year beginning January 1, 1955, paid to any such employe by any participating municipality except that the normal contribution rate on said earnings for such employes who are justices of the supreme court, circuit judges, conservation wardens, conservation patrol boat captains, conservation patrol boat engineers, conservation airplane pilots, state forest rangers, members of the state traffic patrol, policemen, including the chief and all other officers, firemen, including the chief and all other officers, and employes of the conservation commission who are designated by the conservation director as being subject to call for forest fire control or warden duty, shall be 5 per cent, and except further that for any fireman not covered by the federal old-age and survivors insurance system the rate shall be 7 per cent. Effective January 1, 1955, for a county

judge who makes the election authorized by sub. (1) (a) 6, and for a county judge who shall file his official oath as county judge on or after January 1, 1954, the normal contribution rate shall be 5 per cent. Effective January 1, 1956, for a full-time judge of a court of record, municipal or inferior (other than a county court) who makes the election authorized by sub. (1) (a) 7, and effective upon becoming a participating employe for such a judge who shall file his official oath as judge on or after January 1, 1956, the normal contribution rate shall be 5 per cent. The normal contribution rate for participating earnings in excess of \$4,200 per year shall be 5 and 7 per cent, respectively, for those otherwise on a 3 and 5 per cent basis. Any county which shall be or become a participating municipality may certify to the Wisconsin retirement fund that any employe who then is or may become an undersheriff, a deputy sheriff or traffic policeman is engaged in a hazardous occupation and may require that after a date specified by it but not earlier than January 1, 1948, the normal contribution rate for such employe shall be 5 per cent and in such case such employes shall be included under and receive the benefits of s. 66.191; but no prior service credit may be granted to any such participating employe upon the basis of the increased contribution rate *except as provided in s. 66.904 (1) (a) 12.*

SECTION 2. 66.903 (2) (a) 1p of the statutes is created to read:

66.903 (2) (a) 1p. The normal contribution rate of a participating employe for whom age 60 is the compulsory retirement age (including an employe for whom a later retirement date is provided by s. 66.906 (1) (c)) who is authorized to continue in service pursuant to s. 66.906 (1) (b), shall be 3 per cent during the first 5 years of such continuance. After such continuance has been in effect for 5 years no normal contributions shall be payable by such a participating employe.

SECTION 3. 66.904 (1) (a) 10 and 12 of the statutes are created to read:

66.904 (1) (a) 10. The prior service credits of every participating employe who is employed by the state on January 1, 1958, as a state traffic officer, state conservation warden, state forest ranger or other state conservation department employe subject to the 5 per cent normal contribution rate, who received prior service credits for service prior to January 1, 1948, in such a position, shall be redetermined upon the basis of a 7 per cent normal contribution rate, effective as of the same date as the prior service credit originally granted to such person as a state employe. The prior service credits of every policeman or fireman who received prior service credits as such prior to January 1, 1948, who on January 1, 1958, is still employed by the same participating municipality as a policeman or fireman, shall be redetermined in like manner.

12. Any county which has acted for any participating employes pursuant to s. 66.903 (2) (a) 1 may by resolution provide for the recomputation as of the effective date of the prior service credits of such persons who are participating employes of such participating municipality on the date such resolution is adopted in the same manner as provided by subd. 10.

SECTION 3m. 66.906 (1) of the statutes as amended by chapter 179, laws of 1957, is renumbered 66.906 (1) (a).

SECTION 4. 66.906 (1) (c) and (e) of the statutes are created to read:

66.906 (1) (c) Subject to the provisions of pars. (a) and (b) a participating employe who is a policeman, fireman, state traffic officer, state conservation warden, state forest ranger or other state conservation department employe subject to the 5 per cent normal contribution rate

who has attained age 60 or more on the effective date for that participating municipality shall be retired at the end of his first month as a participating employe. Any such participating employe who attains age 60 shall be retired at the end of the month in which such age is attained. Any such participating employe who attains age 60 prior to July 1, 1958, shall be retired as of July 1, 1958.

(e) All undersheriffs, deputy sheriffs and traffic policemen subject to the 5 per cent normal contribution rate employed by a county that has acted pursuant to s. 66.904 (1) (a) 12 shall be subject to par. (c).

SECTION 4m. It is intended that the amendment to section 66.903 (2) (a) 1 of the statutes by this act be in addition to the amendments made by chapter 126, laws of 1957, and the revisor is directed to give effect to both amendments.

SECTION 5. SECTION 4 shall take effect July 1, 1958, and the remainder of this act shall take effect January 1, 1958.

Approved August 7, 1957.
