

CHAPTER 660

AN ACT to amend 66.904 (1) (a) 2 of the statutes, relating to additional employer contributions under the Wisconsin retirement fund for law enforcement and fire-fighting personnel, directing a study of related subjects by the joint survey committee on retirement systems, and granting rule-making authority.

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

SECTION 1. 66.904 (1) (a) 2 of the statutes is amended to read:

66.904 (1) (a) 2. For current service, each participating employe shall be credited with the following amounts as of the dates specified:

* * * a. Additional credits of amounts equal to each payment of additional contributions received from such employe, as of the date the corresponding payment of earnings is payable to the employe;

* * * b. Normal credits of amounts equal to each payment of normal contributions received from such employe, as of the date the corresponding payment of earnings is payable to the employe;

* * * c. Municipality credits of amounts equal to each normal credit of each employe, as of the date of each corresponding normal credit;

d. *In conformity with procedures established by rule, additional municipality credits of amounts equal to 2 per cent of the participating earnings as such, of each conservation warden, conservation patrol boat captain, conservation patrol boat engineer, conservation airplane pilot, state forest ranger, member of the state traffic patrol, policeman (including the chief and all other officers), fireman (including the chief and all other officers), or employe of the conservation commission who is designated by the conservation director as being subject to call for forest fire control or warden duty, as of the date such earnings are payable, for the period from January 1, 1958, to July 1, 1959.*

SECTION 2. The joint survey committee on retirement systems is directed to study the adequacy of the present contribution rates and retirement age provisions of the Wisconsin retirement fund law with respect to law enforcement and firefighting personnel in state and local government, during the 1957-1959 interim, and report its findings and recommendations to the legislature at the opening of the 1959 session. The committee shall consider the feasibility of following a policy of equal matching of contributions with respect to such employes, in view of the paramount public interest in having young effective persons performing law enforcement and firefighting duties, and the need for providing disability benefits on a different basis. Such study shall also include consideration of the possible need to apply to additional classes of employes, different contribution rates and retirement age provisions than those which apply to public employes under the fund generally. The committee may delegate the duty of making such study to any other committee or commission which is suitably equipped to undertake such duty.

Vetoed. Passed over veto September 26, 1957.