

CHAPTER 56

S.B. No. 326

AN ACT

relating to administration of, participation and credit in, and benefits from certain municipal retirement systems.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 1, Chapter 358, Acts of the 48th Legislature, Regular Session, 1943, as amended (Article 6243g, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. CREATION OF PENSION SYSTEM. There is hereby created a Municipal Pension System in all cities in this state having a population of *one million five hundred thousand (1,500,000)* [~~one million two hundred thousand (1,200,000)~~] or more according to the last preceding or any future Federal Census.

SECTION 2. Section 2, Chapter 358, Acts of the 48th Legislature, Regular Session, 1943, as amended (Article 6243g, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by amending Subsection (k) and adding Subsection (l) to read as follows:

(k) "Credited Service" means all services and work performed by a person as an employee, including prior service. However, in the case of a Group A member, if performed after September 1, 1943, such services and work must have been accompanied by corresponding contributions to the Pension Fund by the employee or legally authorized repayments thereof must have been made. [~~Provided further, service preceding an interruption in service of ten years or longer is not "credited service".~~]

(l) "Pension Fund" means assets consisting of the contributions made by the city, contributions made by any member of Group A, and any income derived from investments made from those contributions, which are held in trust for the sole benefit of the members of the Pension System.

SECTION 3. Section 3, Chapter 358, Acts of the 48th Legislature, Regular Session, 1943, as amended (Article 6243g, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3. PERSONS ELIGIBLE UNDER THIS ACT. The following persons are eligible under this Act:

(a) Any person who is now a member of any such System under the terms of the original Act, as amended, and who does not make the election provided by Section 22 of this Act shall be a Group A member. The disability and benefit provisions of Sections 11 through 16 [~~12~~] of this Act shall apply to Group A members.