

## THE RETIREMENT ACT (Continued from Page 29)

ties estimated by the actuary to accrue to the system on account of service by school teachers prior to July 1, 1946.

Section 16. (1) In the event that an employe who is a member of the system, who has contributed to the fund for 10 years, and who has not attained his earliest retirement age, is separated, for any reason other than death or disability, from all service entitling him to membership in the system, his account shall remain to his credit in the fund and there shall be paid such death benefits as this act provides or a disability retirement allowance or, after attaining his earliest retirement age, a service retirement allowance, which shall consist of (1) an annuity which shall be the actuarial equivalent of his accumulated contributions and interest thereon credited to him and (2) a pension provided by the contributions of his employers equal to the annuity provided by his accumulated contributions on his salary up to \$200 per month.

(2) In the event that an employe who is a member of the system, who has contributed to the fund for less than 10 years, and who has not attained his earliest service retirement age, is separated, for any reason other than death or disability, from all service entitling him to membership in the system, he may withdraw from the fund the amount credited to him in his account.

(3) Whenever, within five years after so withdrawing the amount so credited to him, such an employe re-enters the service of an employer participating in the system, his rights in the system which were forfeited by the withdrawal shall be restored upon his repaying to the board the full amount so withdrawn.

(4) An employe shall cease to be a member of the system (a) in the event that he is absent from the service of all employers participating in the system for a total of more than 5 years during any 6-year period after he becomes a member of the system or (b) in the event that during any absence from such service he withdraws the amount credited to his account in the fund.

(5) No transfer after July 1, 1946, by a member of the system from the service of one employer participating in the system to the service of another such employer shall impair any rights or deprive him of any credits accruing to him as a result of

his membership in the system after July 1, 1946, and prior to the transfer.

Section 17. (1) Within the limits hereafter specified regarding absence from service, no leave of absence, sabbatical leave, illness, accident, or emergency preventing or interrupting service by an employe to an employer participating in the system shall be deemed to break the continuity of the employe's membership in the system.

(2) Any employe of an employer participating in the system who entered the armed forces of the United States after September 15, 1940, and prior to the time this act takes effect or enters the armed forces hereafter and who, within one year after being honorably discharged therefrom returned to the service of the employer prior to the time this act takes effect or returns to it hereafter shall be entitled, subject to the limitations of this act, to credit for all his service to the employer prior to the time this act takes effect and to credit for all his service in the armed forces after September 15, 1940, as if he had been an employe of the employer throughout his service in the armed forces after that date.

Section 18. (1) Within one year after the termination of the present war but not before July 1, 1947, a police officer or fireman who is a member of the system and who has attained the age of 60 shall be retired from service and thereafter, except as this act otherwise provides, the date of his retirement shall be the first day of the calendar month next succeeding the one in which he attains that age.

(2) Within one year after the termination of the present war but not before July 1, 1947, any other employe who is a member of the system and who has attained the age of 65 and who is not subject to the teachers' tenure law shall be retired from service and thereafter, except as this act otherwise provides, the date of his retirement shall be the first day of the calendar month next succeeding the one in which he attains that age.

(3) A police officer or fireman, who is a member of the system and reaches the age of 60 and any other employe who is a member of the system and reaches the age of 65, except a person subject to the teachers' tenure law, may be continued in service for successive periods of one year each, upon written recommendation of the administrative head of his employer that continued service on his part is in

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