

CHAPTER 29

Original House Bill No. 35

RETIREMENT — PURCHASE OF SERVICE

AN ACT relating to legislative employee retirement; providing for the purchase, for retirement purposes, of legislative service office employee service during the period when such employees were prohibited by law from participating in the state retirement system; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

**Section 1.** Legislative findings and declarations.

(a) The legislature finds and declares that:

(i) Full-time legislative employees were prohibited by law from participating in the Wyoming retirement system from the time the legislative service office was created in 1971 until January 1, 1978;

(ii) As a consequence of the prohibition against full-time legislative employees participating in the Wyoming retirement system during the period specified in paragraph (i) of this subsection, those employees with service during that period were denied the benefit enhancement approved for members of the Wyoming retirement system in 1984 despite the fact that those employees had service time that otherwise would have qualified them for the benefit enhancement if the prohibition against participation had not been in effect;

(iii) During the period 1981 through 1984, members of the Wyoming retirement system, the judicial retirement system, the firemen's pension fund and the policemen's pension fund benefitted from legislative action either in the form of a benefit enhancement paid by the state or by the state assumption of an unfunded pension liability;

(iv) Legislative action in 1981 authorized the purchase of up to ten (10) years of service toward retirement for city, town and county employees with the cost thereof to be paid by the employer.

(b) The legislature further finds and declares that in order to achieve a degree of equity for full-time legislative service office employees, the state should purchase, for retirement purposes, the full-time service rendered to the legislative service office during the period March 1, 1971 through December 31, 1977, by any person who is a full-time employee on the effective date of this act.

**Section 2.** In pursuance of Section 1. (b) of this act, there is appropriated from the general fund the sum of one hundred thirty-nine thousand five hundred thirty-five dollars (\$139,535.00), or as much thereof as is necessary, to purchase and credit toward retirement, all full-time service rendered to the legislative service office during the period March 1, 1971 through December 31, 1977, by each person who is a full-time employee of the legislative service office on the effective date of this act.

**Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 12, 1985.