been made from the special deposit account, and the Secretary of the Treasury, as directed by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, shall reimburse from the special deposit account the appropriations of the Veterans' Administration, or cover into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, the amounts so certified: Provided further, That no payments shall be made to German or Japanese citizens or subjects residing in Germany or Japan.

Approved August 7, 1946.

[CHAPTER 778]

AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Susquehanna River at a point between the Borough of Plymouth, in Plymouth Township, and Hanover Township, in the county of Luzerne, and in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge, and approaches thereto, across the Susquehanna River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, between the Borough of Plymouth, in Plymouth Township and Hanover Township, in the county of Luzerne, and in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 28, 1906.

Sec. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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[CHAPTER 779]

AN ACT

For the retirement of public-school teachers in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That beginning as the 1st day of the September following the effective date of this Act, there shall be deducted and withheld from the annual salary of every teacher in the public schools of the District of Columbia an annual amount computed to the nearest tenth of a dollar equal to 5 per centum of the teacher's annual salary. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall cause to be filed with the Board of Education on September 10 of each year a certificate showing the amount of deduction to be made from the salary of each teacher during the year, said deduction to be made in equal amounts, one to be deducted for each school month. A similar certificate shall be filed not later than the 15th day of each calendar month to cover cases of new entrants. No deduction shall be made from less than an entire month's salary. The amounts deducted and withheld from the annual salary of each teacher, including amounts so deducted and withheld prior to the effective date of this Act under the Act entitled "An Act for the retirement of public-school teachers in the District of Columbia", approved January 15, 1920 (41 Stat. 387), as amended, shall be credited to an individual account of the teacher from whose salary the deduction is made, together with interest at 4 per centum per annum, compounded annually up to the effective date of this Act and thereafter at 3 per centum per annum.
compounded annually from June 30 of the year in which the deductions are made. These individual interest-bearing accounts shall be kept by the Auditor of the District of Columbia.

Any teacher may at his option and under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia deposit with the Collector of Taxes, District of Columbia, additional sums in multiples of $25 but not to exceed 10 per centum per annum of his annual salary, pay, or compensation, for services rendered since March 1, 1920, which amount together with interest thereon at 3 per centum per annum compounded as of June 30 of each year, shall, at the date of his retirement, be available to purchase an annuity as he shall elect in accordance with such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, in addition to the annuity provided by this Act; the purchase price of such annuity shall be based upon an interest rate of 3 per centum per annum compounded annually and upon such table of mortality as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. In the event of death or separation from the service of such teacher before becoming eligible for retirement on annuity, the amounts so deposited with interest at 3 per centum compounded annually from June 30 of the year in which the deposits are made shall be refunded in accordance with the provisions of sections 9 and 10, respectively, of this Act. A separate individual account shall be kept by the Auditor of the District of Columbia with respect to the voluntary deposits and interest of each teacher.

Sec. 2. The amounts so deducted and withheld from the annual salary of every teacher, and the amounts of additional voluntary deposits, shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the teachers’ retirement and annuity fund. As of the effective date of this Act, there shall be transferred and credited to such fund the balances of funds held for the retirement of teachers under the provisions of sections 2 and 7 of the Act of January 15, 1920, as amended. The fund thus created shall be held and invested by the Secretary of the Treasury until paid out as hereinafter provided, and the income derived from such investment shall constitute a part of said fund for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act. Separate accounts shall be maintained by the Treasury with respect to (1) the regular operations of the retirement system, exclusive of those incident to the voluntary deposits; and (2) the voluntary deposits and the supplementary annuities and refunds resulting from such deposits.

Sec. 3. (a) Any teacher to whom this Act applies who shall have attained or shall hereafter attain the age of sixty years and has rendered at least thirty years of service computed as prescribed in section 8 of this Act, or shall hereafter attain the age of sixty-two years and has rendered at least fifteen years of service computed as prescribed in section 8 of this Act, may voluntarily retire and shall be eligible for retirement on an annuity computed as provided in section 5 of this Act.

(b) Any teacher to whom this Act applies who shall have attained or shall hereafter attain the age of fifty-five years and has rendered at least thirty years of service computed as prescribed in section 8 of this Act, may voluntarily retire and shall be paid an immediate life annuity beginning on the first day of the month following the date of separation from the service having a value equal to the present worth of a deferred annuity at the age of sixty years computed as prescribed in section 5 of this Act or may elect to receive a deferred annuity beginning at the age of sixty years computed as prescribed in section 5 of this Act.

(c) Any teacher who shall have attained or shall hereafter attain
the age of sixty-two years and is eligible for retirement under the provisions of this Act, may be retired by the Board of Education upon written recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools. Any teacher who shall have attained, or shall hereafter attain the age of seventy years, shall be retired unless upon written recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools two-thirds of the members of the Board of Education vote to retain such teacher in the public schools for the good of the service. No sum shall be paid to any teacher upon his retirement under the provisions of this section unless he shall have been employed as a teacher on active duty in the public schools of the District of Columbia for a total period of not less than ten years.

Sec. 4. Any teacher to whom this Act applies who shall have served on active duty in the public schools of the District of Columbia for a total period of not less than ten years, and who, before becoming eligible for retirement under the conditions defined in the preceding sections hereof, becomes physically or mentally disabled and incapable of satisfactorily performing the duties of his position, by reason of disease or injury not due to vicious habits, intemperance, or willful misconduct on the part of the teacher, shall upon his own application or upon order of the Board of Education as provided later in this section be retired on an annuity computed in accordance with the provisions of section 5 and 6 hereof: Provided, That proof of freedom from vicious habits, intemperance, or willful misconduct for a period of more than five years next prior to becoming so disabled for useful and efficient service shall not be required in any case. No claim shall be allowed under the provisions of this section unless the application for retirement shall have been executed prior to the applicant's separation from the service or within six months thereafter. No teacher shall be retired under the provisions of this section unless examined under the direction of the Health Officer of the District of Columbia, and as a result of said examination, in his judgment, or in the judgment of the Superintendent of Schools concurred in by two-thirds of the members of the Board of Education, shall have been found to be physically or mentally incapacitated for efficient service.

Every annuitant retired under the provisions of this section, unless the disability for which retired be permanent in character, shall at the expiration of one year from the date of such retirement and annually thereafter, until reaching retirement age as defined in section 3 hereof, be examined under the direction of the Health Officer of the District of Columbia in order to ascertain the nature and degree of the annuitant's disability, if any. If an annuitant shall recover before reaching retirement age he shall be reappointed by the Board of Education in accordance with such rules and regulations as the said Board may prescribe to the first position, equal or similar to any position in the public schools occupied by the annuitant before retirement, which becomes vacant after the date the Board of Education receives written notification from the Health Officer of the District of Columbia that the annuitant has recovered and is able to discharge his duties as a teacher in the public schools of the District of Columbia. Payment of the annuity shall be continued until the date of reappointment by the Board of Education. In the event that the annuitant refuses to accept the employment prescribed in this section no annuity shall be paid after the date of such refusal. Should the annuitant fail to appear for examination as required under this section payment of the annuity shall be suspended until continuance of the disability shall have been satisfactorily established. Upon written recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education may order or direct at any time such medical or other examination as it shall deem necessary to determine the facts relative to the nature and degree of disability of any teacher retired on an annuity under this section.
In all cases where the annuity is discontinued under the provisions of this section, the annuity payments made under (1) of section 5 hereof shall be charged against his individual account and, unless he shall become reemployed in a position under the purview of this Act, he shall be considered as having been separated from the service for other than retirement purposes and entitled to the benefits of section 9 hereof: Provided, however, That if such teacher were also receiving an annuity because of voluntary deposits made under the provisions of section 1 hereof, such annuity may be continued or, at the option of the teacher, the actuarial reserve value of such annuity may be withdrawn in cash unless the teacher is reemployed in a position within the purview of this Act, in which case the amount of such reserve value shall be treated as a voluntary deposit under the provisions of section 1 hereof.

SEC. 5. That following the effective date of this Act every teacher who shall be retired under the provisions of section 3 or section 4 of this Act shall receive an annuity composed of (1) a sum equal to 1 per centum of his average annual salary received during any five consecutive years of allowable service in the public schools of the District of Columbia, at the option of the teacher, for each year of his whole term of service, but in no event shall the amount of the average annual salary used to determine this portion of the annuity be less than the maximum salary for class 1, group A, established by the District of Columbia Teachers' Salary Act of 1945, as amended; and (2) an additional sum of $20 for each year of his whole term of service, not exceeding forty. The total annuity shall be fixed at the nearest multiple of 12 cents, and shall be payable monthly. Annuities payable to any retired teacher who has become eligible for retirement because of age as defined in section 3 of this Act shall be payable during the lifetime of the annuitant. Annuities payable to any teacher retired on account of disability shall be subject to the conditions set forth under section 4 of this Act.

Any teacher retiring under the provisions of this Act may, at the time of his retirement, elect one of the following options: (1) He may elect to receive in lieu of the life annuity described herein a reduced annuity of equivalent value providing that, in the event the annuitant shall die without having received in annuities purchased by his contributions accumulated with interest to the date of his retirement an aggregate sum equal to the total amount to his credit at time of retirement, the difference shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of section 10 of this Act; or (2) he may elect to receive in lieu of the life annuity as described herein a reduced annuity of equivalent value providing for a life-insurance benefit payable in a lump sum at the time of the annuitant's death. The face amount of such life insurance may be in any amount which the retiring teacher shall designate at the time of retirement but shall not exceed his contributions accumulated with interest to the date of retirement. Payment of such insurance shall be made in accordance with the provisions of section 10 of this Act. Any annuitant who elects to receive the reduced annuity with fixed life-insurance benefits may reconvert the value of the life insurance to an additional annuity of equivalent value on any anniversary of the retirement date of said annuitant prior to reaching age seventy.

SEC. 6. That in calculating, as provided in section 5, the second part of the annuity of a teacher retired under the provisions of section 4 of this Act, a minimum credit of twenty years shall be used in determining the sum allowable to a teacher with less than twenty years of service: Provided, That such minimum credit shall not exceed the total number of years of service which the teacher might have served.
if continuously employed as a teacher in the public schools of the District of Columbia to age sixty.

Sec. 7. The amount of each year's appropriation shall be calculated, on an actuarial basis, as a level percentage of the pay roll of all participants which shall be adequate to cover the liability normally accrued plus a further level amount computed to be sufficient to liquidate the unfunded accrued liability within a period of approximately twenty years after the effective date of this Act.

Sec. 8. The whole term of service which forms the basis for determining the amount of the annuity provided in section 5 of this Act shall be computed from the date of original employment as a teacher, other than temporary, in the public schools of the District of Columbia, plus any service credit that may be allowed under the provisions of this section. In computing the length of service of retiring teachers credit may be given, year for year, for (a) public-school service or its equivalent outside the District of Columbia but not to exceed ten years; (b) continuous temporary service in the public schools of the District of Columbia immediately prior to probationary appointment; (c) service in the government of the District of Columbia or the Government of the United States allowable under the Civil Service Act of 1920, as amended; (d) periods of honorable service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States in time of war; (e) all educational leaves of absence with part pay authorized by the Board of Education in accordance with the Act of June 12, 1940 (54 Stat. 349); and the first ten-year period to begin on the date of the first probationary appointment as a teacher in the public schools of the District of Columbia: Provided, however, That that portion of the annuity which results from credit for service allowable under (a) and (c) of this section shall be reduced by the amount of any annuity which the retired teacher is entitled to receive under any Federal, State, or municipal retirement or pension system in respect to such service, except that such portion of the annuity after reduction shall not be less than the annuity purchaseable with the deposit which the teacher is required to make under the provisions of this section in order to obtain credit for such service: Provided further, That no credit for service prescribed in this section, with the exception of periods of honorable service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States in time of war and all educational leaves of absence with part pay authorized by the Board of Education in accordance with the Act of June 12, 1940 (54 Stat. 349), shall be given to any teacher entering the said public schools after June 30, 1926, until he shall have deposited to the credit of the teachers' retirement and annuity fund of the District of Columbia a sum equal to the accumulated contributions and interest which he would have had credited to his individual account if such service had been rendered on active duty in the public schools of the District of Columbia, said contributions to be based on the average annual salary of the class to which the teacher is appointed: Provided further, That all contributions to the retirement fund made by any teacher on educational leave with part pay shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of section 1 of this Act, but otherwise no provision of this Act shall be interpreted to deprive any teacher employed by the Board of Education of any rights or benefits allowable under the Act of June 12, 1940 (54 Stat. 349): Provided further, That if the teacher so elects, he may deposit the required sum in the fund in any number of monthly installments not exceeding fifty with interest at 3 per centum per annum compounded annually, upon making claim with the Auditor, District of Columbia, within one year of the effective date of this Act, or within one year after the original probational appointment or reinstatement in the school service, or within two years...
Limitation.

Election of deferred annuity.

Refunds.

Deposit of amount withdrawn.

Beneficiaries.

Death before retirement.

Consent to deductions.

after the date of honorable discharge from the military service: And provided further, That nothing contained herein shall be construed to allow any teacher more than one year's credit for all services rendered in any one fiscal year.

SEC. 9. Should any teacher to whom this Act applies, after having served in the public schools of the District of Columbia for a total period of not less than ten years and before becoming eligible for retirement, become separated from the service, such teacher may elect to receive a deferred annuity beginning at the age of sixty-two years computed as provided in section 5 of this Act: Provided, That any teacher who becomes separated from the public schools of the District of Columbia for other than retirement purposes and who does not elect to receive a deferred annuity as provided for in this section, shall receive as soon as practicable after separation the refund of deductions, deposits, or redeposits with interest thereon, or any voluntary contributions made under the provisions of section 1 of this Act, with interest: Provided further, That no teacher who shall withdraw the amount of his deductions, deposits, or redeposits under this section shall, after reinstatement, be entitled to credit for previous service unless he shall deposit in the fund the amount so withdrawn by him: And provided further, That the amount required to be so deposited may be paid by the teacher, if he so elects, in any number of monthly installments, not exceeding one hundred, with interest at 3 per centum compounded annually.

SEC. 10. Any teacher from whose salary retirement deductions are made in accordance with this Act may designate in writing a beneficiary or beneficiaries to whom the amount of his deductions, together with interest then credited thereon, shall be payable, as hereinafter provided, in the event of the death of the teacher before or after retirement.

In the event any teacher shall die before retirement the total amount of his deductions with interest thereon shall be paid, upon the establishment of a valid claim therefor, provided the claim be filed with the Auditor of the District of Columbia within three years after the death of such teacher, to the beneficiary or beneficiaries, if a beneficiary or beneficiaries be designated in writing by the teacher and recorded on his individual account, or, if there be no such beneficiary or beneficiaries designated, then to the duly appointed executor or administrator of the estate of the teacher, or, if the amount payable be less than $1,000 and no executor or administrator is appointed, to such person or persons as the Auditor, in his judgment, may determine is or are legally entitled thereto.

On the death of a retired teacher who elected to receive a reduced annuity with death benefits, the amount payable, if any, shall be determined according to the terms of the option so elected, and such amount shall be paid upon the establishment of a valid claim therefor, provided the claim be filed with the Auditor of the District of Columbia within three years after the death of such teacher, to the beneficiary or beneficiaries, if a beneficiary or beneficiaries be designated in writing by the teacher and recorded on his individual account, or, if there be no such beneficiary or beneficiaries designated, then to the duly appointed executor or administrator of the estate of the teacher, or, if the amount payable be less than $1,000 and no executor or administrator is appointed, to such person or persons as the Auditor, in his judgment, may determine is or are legally entitled thereto.

SEC. 11. That every teacher who shall continue in the service of the public schools of the District of Columbia after the passage of this Act, as well as every person who hereafter may be appointed to a
position as teacher in the public schools of the District of Columbia, shall be deemed to consent and agree to the deductions made and provided for herein; and the salary, pay, or compensation, which may be paid monthly or at any other time, shall be full and complete discharge and acquittance of all claims and demands whatsoever for all services rendered by such teacher during the period covered by such payment, except his claim for the benefits to which he may be entitled under the provisions of this Act, notwithstanding the provisions of the Act of June 20, 1906 (34 Stat. 316), and of any other law, rule, or regulation affecting the salary, pay, or compensation of the teachers employed in the service of the public schools of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 12. That nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent the discharge of any teacher at any time in the discretion of the Board of Education of the District of Columbia under the provisions of law.

Sec. 13. That the term "teacher," under this Act, shall include all teachers permanently employed by the Board of Education in the public day schools of the District of Columbia, including other educational employees whose salaries are established in the District of Columbia Teachers' Salary Act of 1945, as amended, except the employees of the Department of School Attendance and Work Permits; whenever the pronoun "his" occurs in this Act it shall be construed to mean both male and female; and the term "annual salary" shall be construed to mean the total annual income received during the fiscal year for service rendered in the public day schools (not including summer schools) of the District of Columbia, including basic salary, automatic increases, and longevity allowances, provided for in the District of Columbia Teachers' Salary Act of 1945, as amended, and all wartime additional compensation or bonus, and this definition of "annual salary" shall not be construed to affect any deductions which have been made prior to the effective date of this Act from any teacher's "annual salary" as defined in the Act of January 15, 1920, as amended.

Sec. 14. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall prepare and keep all needful tables, records, and accounts required for carrying out the provisions of this Act. The records to be kept shall include data showing the mortality experience of the teachers in the service of the public schools of the District of Columbia and the rate of withdrawal from such service, and any other information pertaining to such service that may be of value and may serve as a guide for future valuations and adjustments of the plan for the retirement of teachers. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall make a detailed comparative report annually to Congress showing all receipts and disbursements under the provisions of this Act, together with the total number of persons receiving annuities and the amounts paid them. And the Treasury Department shall prepare the estimates of the annual appropriations required to be made to the teachers' retirement and annuity fund, and shall make actuarial valuations of such fund at intervals of five years, or oftener if deemed necessary by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Sec. 15. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall include in their annual estimates of appropriations a sum sufficient to carry out the provisions of this Act and Acts amendatory thereof. Appropriations made for the purposes of this Act shall be transferred to the credit of the teachers' retirement and annuity fund established under section 2 hereof.

Sec. 16. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to perform, or cause to be performed, any or all acts and to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary and
proper for the purpose of carrying the provisions of this Act into full force and effect.

Sec. 17. That none of the money mentioned in this Act shall be assignable, either in law or equity, or be subject to execution or levy by attachment, garnishment, or other legal process.

Sec. 18. The provisions of this Act shall apply to all teachers on the rolls of the public schools of the District of Columbia for the month of June 1946, or thereafter, if otherwise eligible: Provided, That nothing in this Act shall require the reduction of any annuity any teacher on the rolls of the public schools of the District of Columbia for the month of June 1946, would be entitled to receive, under the provisions of the Act of January 15, 1920, as amended, upon retirement. The said Act of 1920, as amended, shall not otherwise apply to teachers on the rolls of the public schools of the District of Columbia for the month of June 1946, or thereafter, but such Act shall remain in force and effect with respect to teachers retired prior to the effective date of this Act, subject to the provisions of section 19.

Sec. 19. The annuities of all teachers retired prior to the effective date of this Act shall be recomputed in accordance with the provisions of section 5 of this Act within ninety days after the approval of this Act retroactive to the effective date of this Act, and no recomputation shall be made which will reduce the annuity received by any retired teacher: Provided, That the average annual salary during any five consecutive years, specified in section 5, upon which the annuity is based shall be within the last ten years of allowable service in the public schools of the District of Columbia: Provided further, That the increased amount of the annuity resulting therefrom shall be a straight life annuity without any insurance or death benefits of any kind.

Sec. 20. The provisions of this Act shall take effect July 1, 1946. Approved August 7, 1946.