

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1471

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1972

Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee, C. W. Holmquist, 16th District, Chairman; Fern Hubbard Orme, 29th District; William F. Swanson, 27th District; Richard D. Marvel, 33rd District; Ramey C. Whitney, 44th District; Richard F. Proud, 12th District

AN ACT to amend section 24-703.01, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1969, and section 24-703, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1971, relating to the judges retirement fees; to change the time for counties and municipalities to remit retirement fund fees; to redefine terms; to provide that the retirement fund fees shall be paid by counties and municipalities to the Director of the Public Employees Retirement Board as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 24-703, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1971, be amended to read as follows:

24-703. (1) Each original member shall contribute monthly four per cent of his monthly salary to the fund, but such contribution shall not be made from any supplemental salary provided by section 24-301.01. It shall be the duty of the Director of Administrative Services to make a deduction of four per cent on the monthly payroll of each original member who is a Judge of the Supreme Court, or a judge of the district court, or a judge of the Nebraska Workmen's Compensation Court showing the amount to be deducted and its credit to the fund. It shall be the duty of the county clerk of each county to make a deduction of four per cent on the monthly payroll of the county judge if he is an original member and judge of a separate juvenile court if he is an original member, excluding for purposes of such deduction any supplemental salary provided for in section 24-301.01, and to pay all amounts so deducted to the executive officer in charge of the judges retirement system to be credited to the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges. It shall be the duty of the city clerk in each city having a municipal court established by Chapter 26, article 1, to make a deduction of four per cent on the monthly payroll of each municipal judge who is an original member and to pay all amounts so deducted to the executive officer in charge of the judges retirement

system to be credited to the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges. This shall be done ~~within--ten--days--after--the close-of-each-calendar--quarter--thereafter~~ each month. Provided, in the event such remittance would amount to less than twenty-five dollars per month, such city clerk may remit quarterly. The Director of Administrative Services and the State Treasurer shall credit the four per cent as shown on the payroll and the amounts received from the various counties and cities to the fund and remit the same to the executive officer in charge of the judges retirement system who shall keep an accurate record of the contributions of each judge.

(2) Each future member shall contribute monthly six per cent of his monthly salary to the fund, but such contribution shall not be made from any supplemental salary provided for in section 24-301.01. It shall be the duty of the Director of Administrative Services to make a deduction of six per cent on the monthly payroll of each such future member who is a Judge of the Supreme Court, or a judge of the district court, or a judge of the Nebraska Workmen's Compensation Court showing the amount to be deducted and its credit to the fund. It shall be the duty of the county clerk of each county to make a deduction of six per cent on the monthly payroll of the county judge, if he is such a future member, and judge of a separate juvenile court, if he is such a future member, excluding for purposes of such deduction any supplemental salary provided for in section 24-301.01, and to pay all amounts so deducted to the executive officer in charge of the judges retirement system to be credited to the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges. It shall be the duty of the city clerk in each city having a municipal court established by Chapter 26, article 1, to make a deduction of six per cent on the monthly payroll of each municipal judge, who is such a future member and to pay all amounts so deducted to the executive officer in charge of the judges retirement system to be credited to the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges. This shall be done ~~within--ten--days--after--the close-of-each-calendar--quarter--thereafter~~ each month. The Director of Administrative Services and the State Treasurer shall credit the six per cent as shown on the payroll and the amounts received from the various counties and cities to the fund and remit the same to the executive officer in charge of the judges retirement system who shall keep an accurate record of the contributions of each judge.

(3) A Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges fee of one dollar shall be taxed as costs in each civil and criminal cause of action or proceeding filed in the district courts and the county courts and in county

courts a sum equal to ten per cent of each fee provided by sections 33-125, 33-126, and 33-126.02, except on the fees provided for in section 33-125 for the dismissal of a cause, and in sections 33-126 and 33-126.02 for filing of report. A similar fee shall be charged in each cause of action or proceeding in municipal court, including prosecutions for violation of state law or any city ordinance; Provided, that the fee above established shall not be collected for nonmoving traffic violations handled by a violations bureau established by the local governing body, nor shall the above specified fee be collected in any cause or proceeding in a municipal court where the cause, proceeding, or defendant has been dismissed by the court. When collected by the clerk of the district or municipal court and the county judge, such fees shall be paid to the executive officer in charge of the judges retirement system on forms prescribed by the board by said clerk and county judge within ten days after the close of each calendar quarter. Such executive officer shall promptly thereafter remit the same to the state treasury. Upon the receipt thereof, the State Treasurer shall credit the same to the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges.

(4) The Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges shall be divided into two separate funds: (a) The Original Members' Fund, and (b) the Future Members' Fund. All expenditures from the funds must be authorized by voucher in the manner prescribed in section 24-713. The funds shall be used for the payment of all annuities and other benefits, and for the expenses of administration.

(5) The Original Members' Fund shall be the fund into which shall be paid the total fund as of December 25, 1969, the contributions of original members as provided in subsection (1) of this section, the matching contributions for county judges and municipal judges as provided in section 24-703.01, all supplementary court fees as provided in subsection (3) of this section until such time as the assets in such fund equal the liabilities of such fund, and any required contributions of the state.

(6) The Future Members' Fund shall be the fund into which shall be paid the contributions of future members as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the matching contributions for county judges and municipal judges as provided in section 24-703.01, all supplementary court fees as provided in subsection (3) of this section after such time as the assets in the Original Members' Fund equal the liabilities of such fund, and any required contributions of the state. Not later than January 1 of each year the State Treasurer

shall transfer to the Future Members' Fund the amount certified by the board as being necessary to pay the cost of any benefits accrued during the fiscal year ending the previous June 30, in excess of future member contributions for that fiscal year, and court fees as described above, if any, for that fiscal year plus any required contributions of the state, as provided in subsection (9) of this section.

(7) Except as provided in subsection (8) of this section, benefits under the retirement system to original members or to their beneficiaries shall be paid from the Original Members' Fund. All benefits under the retirement system to future members or to their beneficiaries shall be paid from the Future Members' Fund.

(8) Any member who is making contributions to the fund on December 25, 1969 may, on or before June 30, 1970, elect to become a future member by delivering written notice of such election to the board. The board shall thereupon direct the State Treasurer to transfer all contributions of such judge to the Future Members' Fund and such judge shall thereafter participate only in the Future Members' Fund.

(9) Not later than January 1 of each year the State Treasurer shall transfer to the fund an amount, determined on the basis of an actuarial valuation as of the previous June 30 and certified by the board, to fully fund the unfunded accrued liabilities of the system by level payments up to January 1, 1994. Such required state contribution shall be divided each year between the Original Members' Fund and the Future Members' Fund in the ratio of the remaining unfunded accrued liability of each fund.

Sec. 2. That section 24-703.01, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1969, be amended to read as follows:

24-703.01. Counties and municipalities shall remit to the State--Treasurer Director of the Public Employees Retirement Board each month a sum equal to the amount any county-judge-or-municipal--judge judge whose salary is paid by any county or municipality, as the case may be, contributes to the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges; Provided, in the event such remittance would amount to less than twenty-five dollars per month, such county or municipality may remit quarterly. 7-to-be The amount so received shall be transmitted to the state treasury, and by the State Treasurer placed in the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges, as provided in subsection (4) of section 24-703.

Sec. 3. That original section 24-703.01, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1969, and 24-703, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1971, are repealed.