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# REPORT OF RETIREMENT COMMISSION 



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Under<br>STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ACT<br>(Chapter 8a, Part I, 1939 Supplement to the General Statutes, as Amended in 1941)<br>as of June 30, 1942.

Hartford, Conn.
December 28, 1942.
To His Excellency,
Robert A. Hurley, Governor.
Sir:
Pursuant to Section 17 f of the 1941 Supplement to the General Statutes, we hereby report as follows:

The law under which we operate was passed by the 1939 General Assembly to become effective September 1, 1939. Employees retired before that date continue to receive the retirement salaries previously granted to them.

Table 1 shows how the aggregate monthly rate of retirement salaries granted under the old law has decreased, owing principally to deaths among retired employees, and how the aggregate monthly rate of retirement salaries granted under the new law has increased, as employees have taken advantage of the privileges granted them under the new law. The increase from June, 1942 to July, 1942 is caused mainly by the large number of "Mandatory" retirements effective July 1, 1942 by reason of the provisions of Section llf requiring male employees over age 70 and female employees over age 65 to retire not later than July 1, 1942.

TABLE 1
AGGREGATE MONTHLY AMOUNT OF RETIREMENT SALARIES PAID DURING CERTAIN MONTHS

August, 1939
June, 1940 December, 1940 June, 1941 December, 1941 June, 1942 July, 1942
Under
Old Law
\$12,743.97
12,004.75
11,947.52
11,392.41
11,340.61
11,050.07
10,995.04

Under
New Law
None
\$6,836.80
9,604.24
13,440.90
18,802.99
20,747.68
27,867.10

Retirement salaries granted under the old law are paid from the General Fund and one-half of the retirement salaries granted under the new law are paid from the General Fund (or the Highway Fund in the case of retired employees of the Highway Department).

The other half of retirement salaries granted under the new law is charged against the fund in which employees' contributions are accumulated. This is done on an aggregate basis so that the charge of one-half of an employee's retirement salary against the Employees' Contribution Fund continues after the contributions of the individual retired employee himself have been returned to him.

The condition of the Employees' Contribution Fund is as follows:
Receipts:

Employees' Contributions
Interest on Reinstatements Stock Dividends Interest on Bonds Less Accrued Interest

Withdrawals:
Retirements-Total Deduct half charged to General Fund to Highway Fund
Refunds
Balance on Hand, June 30, 1942
\$1,266,804.28
293.81

1,785.00
\$27,835.61
4,379.45 23,456.16 \$1,292,339.25
\$393,670.00


Through June 30, 1942 the Retirement Commission has approved the retirement of 409 employees, of whom 27 have died, leaving 382 on the retirement salary roll. Their amounts of retirement salaries are summarized in Table 2.

TABLE 2
RETIREMENT SALARIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO ANNUAL AMOUNT

| Annual Amount of <br> Retirement Salary | Number of <br> Retired <br> Employees | Average Annual <br> Retirement Salary |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 52$ to $\$ 300$ | 36 | $\$ 208$ |
| 300 | 399 | 27 |
| 400 | " | 499 |

The very small retirement salaries indicated in Table 2 are, in most cases, payable to employees of very short service. Employees who have reached age 70 if men or age 65 if women, if they have completed less than twenty years of service, are allowed retirement salaries equal to $2 \% \%$ of average salary for the last five years of employment times years of service, which amounts to less than $50 \%$ for periods of service of less than twenty years.

On the other hand, employees who retire after at least thirty years of service are allowed increased percentages of retirement salary as shown in Table 3.

TABLE 3


131 employees have been retired under conditions entitling them to less than a $50 \%$ retirement salary, 212 have been granted a $50 \%$ retirement salary, and 66 have been granted retirement salaries of $60 \%$ or more as shown by Table 4 .

TABLE 4

| Percentage Allowed As <br> Retirement Salary | Number of <br> Employees | Average Annual <br> Retirement Salany |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $121 / 2 \%$ | 5 | $\$ 177$ |
| 15 | 7 | 296 |
| $17 / 1 / 2$ | 5 | 220 |
| 20 | 11 | 284 |
| $221 / 2$ | 5 | 673 |
| 25 | 13 | 356 |
| $271 / 2$ | 14 | 375 |
| 30 | 13 | 403 |
| $32^{1 / 2}$ | 11 | 510 |
| 35 | 13 | 483 |
| $371 / 2$ | 7 | 543 |
| 40 | 7 | 951 |
| $42^{1 / 2}$ | 9 | 695 |
| 45 | 9 | 973 |
| $471 / 2$ | 38 | 995 |
| 50 | 14 | 1,493 |
| 60 | 8 | 1,677 |
| 70 | 5 | 1,855 |
| 80 | 1 | 2,665 |
| 90 | 409 | 4,500 |
| 100 |  | $\$ 920$ |

Retirements fall into three categories:

1. Service retirements at the request of the employee or of the head of the department, commission, or institution for which he is serving; after at least twenty-five years of service and having reached age 55 for men or age 50 for women; or, regardless of length of service, after having reached age 70 for men or age 65 for women.
2. Mandatory retirements upon notice issued by the Retirement Commission to employees who have reached age 70 for men or age 65 for women, retirement to be effective July 1, 1942 or later attainment of those ages.
3. Disability retirements on account of permanent total disability after fifteen years of service or, regardless of length of service, as the result of an injury received in the performance of the employee's duties.
Tables 5,6 , and 7 show the distribution of these retirement salaries by age at retirement and sex.

TABLE 5

## SERVICE RETIREMENTS TABULATED ACCORDING TO AGE AT RETIREMENT AND SEX

|  | M ALE |  |  | $F E M A$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | verage Annual |  |  | verage Annual |
| Age At | Number of | Retirement | Age At | Number of | Retirement |
| Retirement | Employees | Salary | Retirement | Employees | Salary |
| 55-59 | 16 | \$1,377 | 50-54 | 6 | \$1,085 |
| 60-64 | 23 | 1,564 | 55-59 | 9 | 1,024 |
| 65-69 | 18 | 1,871 | 60-64 | 10 | 1,587 |
| 70-74 | 55 | 797 | 65-69 | 23 | 770 |
| 75-79 | 12 | 1,053 | 70-74 | 15 | 537 |
| 80-86 | 7 | 894 | 75-78 | 5 | 1,211 |
|  | 131 | \$1,179 |  | 68 | \$933 |

TABLE 6
MANDATORY RETIREMENTS TABULATED ACCORDING TO AGE AT RETIREMENT AND SEX

| MALES |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age At | Number of Average Annual | Retirement |
| Retirement | Employees | Salary |
| $70-74$ | 61 | $\$ 764$ |
| $75-79$ | 13 | 812 |
|  | $\frac{74}{}$ | $\$ 772$ |


|  | FEMALES |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age At | Average Annual |  |
| Retirement | Employees | Retirement |
| $65-69$ | 30 | Salary |
| $70-74$ | 6 | $\$ 650$ |
|  | -36 | 651 |
|  |  | $\$ 650$ |

# DISABILITY RETIREMENTS TABULATED ACCORDING TO AGE AT RETIREMENT AND SEX 

| MALES |  |  |  |  | FEM ALES |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age At | Number of | Retirement Annual | Age At | Number of | Average Annual |  |
| Retirement |  |  |  |  |  |  |

A number of the employees who have been retired appear to have entered the employ of the State at relatively advanced ages and to have served the State for comparatively short periods. This is shown by Table 8, for Service and Mandatory retirements.

TABLE 8

Credited Years of Employment


The operation of the State Employees' Retirement Act, as amended by the 1941 General Assembly, and as clarified by various rulings of the Attorney General and by the decision of the Supreme Court in State ex rel Hyde $v$. Dowe, 129 Conn. 266, has in the opinion of the Commission been generally satisfactory. An actuarial study of the cost of the retirement system will be made between now and 1945, as required by Section $16 f$ of the 1941 Supplement. The Commission has no suggestion for amendment of the Act at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
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