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1 AN ACT Relating to the firefighters' pension fund; and amending RCW  
2 41.16.050.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.16.050 and 2007 c 218 s 22 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) There is hereby created and established in the treasury of each  
7 municipality a fund which shall be known and designated as the  
8 firefighters' pension fund, which shall consist of: ~~((+1))~~ (a) All  
9 bequests, fees, gifts, emoluments, or donations given or paid thereto;  
10 ~~((+2))~~ (b) twenty-five percent of all moneys received by the state  
11 from taxes on fire insurance premiums; ~~((+3))~~ (c) taxes paid pursuant  
12 to the provisions of RCW 41.16.060; ~~((+4))~~ (d) interest on the  
13 investments of the fund; and ~~((+5))~~ (e) contributions by firefighters  
14 as provided for herein.

15 (2) The moneys received from the tax on fire insurance premiums  
16 under the provisions of this chapter shall be distributed in the  
17 proportion that the number of paid firefighters in the city, town, or  
18 fire protection district bears to the total number of paid firefighters  
19 throughout the state to be ascertained in the following manner: The

1 secretary of the firefighters' pension board of each city, town, and  
2 fire protection district now or hereafter coming under the provisions  
3 of this chapter shall within thirty days after June 7, 1961, and on or  
4 before the fifteenth day of January thereafter, certify to the state  
5 treasurer the number of paid firefighters in the fire department in  
6 such city, town, or fire protection district.

7 (a) For any city or town annexed by a fire protection district at  
8 any time before, on, or after June 9, 1994, the city or town shall  
9 continue to certify to the state treasurer the number of paid  
10 firefighters in the city or town fire department immediately before  
11 annexation until all obligations against the firefighters' pension fund  
12 in the city or town have been satisfied. For the purposes of the  
13 calculation in this (~~section~~) subsection, the state treasurer shall  
14 subtract the number certified by the annexed city or town from the  
15 number of paid firefighters certified by an annexing fire protection  
16 district.

17 (b) For any city or town that enters into a regional fire  
18 protection service authority formed under chapter 52.26 RCW, the city  
19 or town shall continue to certify to the state treasurer the number of  
20 paid firefighters in the city or town fire department immediately  
21 before entering into the regional fire protection service authority  
22 until all obligations against the firefighters' pension fund in the  
23 city or town have been satisfied.

24 (3) The state treasurer shall on or before the first day of June of  
25 each year deliver to the treasurer of each city, town, and fire  
26 protection district coming under the provisions of this chapter his or  
27 her warrant, payable to each city, town, or fire protection district  
28 for the amount due such city, town or fire protection district  
29 ascertained as herein provided and the treasurer of each such city,  
30 town, or fire protection district shall place the amount thereof to the  
31 credit of the firefighters' pension fund of such city, town, or fire  
32 protection district.

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