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June 20, 1947

To Fred W. Hollingdale, Deputy Treasurer of State

Re: Effective Date of Chapter 384, P. L. 1947

I have your memo of June 17th, making inquiry in your official capacity as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System. You ask the following questions:

"1. Does the law as passed by the 93rd Legislature become effective on July 1, 1947 or August 13, 1947? If not effective until August 13th, are the provisions of this law retroactive to July 1, 1947?"

ANSWER. This law becomes effective on August 13, 1947, 90 days after the adjournment of the legislature. However, in my opinion, it was the intent of the legislature that it should be retroactive as of July 1, 1947, as provided in Section 7 of said act.

"2. Is it the intent of this legislation that employees retiring on July 1, 1947 come under the provisions of the new law?"

ANSWER. In view of the fact that the legislature provided in Section 7 that the provisions of the act should take effect on July 1, 1947, my answer to Question 2 is in the affirmative.

Ralph W. Farris  
Attorney General

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