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SECTION 17. Notwithstanding divisions (B), (C), and (E) of section 145.297 of the Revised Code, or any other section of the Revised Code, the new Industrial Commission created pursuant to this act shall pay fifty per cent of the total employer and employee contributions under section 145.48 of the Revised Code to the public employees retirement system for each member of the former Industrial Commission abolished under this act. The contribution shall be based upon an amount equal to the earnable salary of the member as of the date of the abolition of the commission and shall be made during and for each month remaining in the member's term of office up to a maximum of three years. The earnable salary shall be deemed to have been paid to such member in equal monthly installments over such period, and shall be used in determining his full earnable salary for the purpose of computing "his final average salary."

If a former Commission member is appointed to the new Commission as an initial appointee under this act and the new Commission paid the fifty per cent contribution specified in this section, the member shall reimburse the new Commission member for the amount so paid within thirty days of his appointment to the new Commission.

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