

46-1302. Retirement benefit for certain employees of legislative agencies; eligibility; amount; payment; administration; reimbursement of public employees retirement fund; termination of benefits; election; deferred compensation plan. (a) Except as provided in subsection (e), every person employed by the legislative branch of the state of Kansas on and after January 1, 1984, shall receive a monthly retirement benefit commencing on the first day of the month after the person has (1) attained age 65; (2) been employed by the legislative branch of the state of Kansas for 50 or more days in 10 or more calendar years; and (3) made application for such monthly retirement benefit to the Kansas public employees retirement system in the form and manner required by the retirement system. Such monthly retirement benefit shall be equal to the amount determined by multiplying \$15 by the total number of years in which such person was employed by the legislative branch of the state of Kansas for 50 or more days. No benefit shall include service with the legislative branch of the state of Kansas which is credited under the Kansas public employees retirement system or any other retirement system of the state of Kansas, however, such service may be used in determining whether the person has been employed for 10 or more calendar years.

(b) The service described in subsection (a) may be used by members of the Kansas public employees retirement system in determining whether such individuals meet any service requirements under such system. Except as provided in K.S.A. 74-49a175 and amendments thereto, no benefit for service described in subsection (a) shall be the basis of any benefit paid under the Kansas public employees retirement system.

(c) No person's monthly retirement benefit under this section shall be increased for any period of employment with the legislative branch of the state of Kansas after applying for and commencing to receive such benefit, nor shall any benefit be forfeited for subsequent employment by the legislative branch of the state of Kansas, except as provided in K.S.A. 74-49a175 and amendments thereto. All benefits shall be paid from the Kansas public employees retirement fund. As soon as practical after the close of each fiscal year, the executive secretary of the Kansas public employees retirement system shall certify to the chairperson of the legislative coordinating council the amount of benefits paid under this section during the preceding fiscal year. The legislature shall pay to the Kansas public employees retirement fund from moneys appropriated to the legislature a sum equal to the amount of any benefits payable in the preceding fiscal year under the provisions of this section.

(d) In accordance with the provisions of this subsection, the legislative coordinating council may terminate the benefits under this section. If the legislative coordinating council decides to terminate benefits under this section, the chairperson of the council shall notify, in writing, the executive secretary of the Kansas public employees retirement system of such termination. Upon notification of termination of benefits under this section, no further benefits will be payable under the provisions of this section in any fiscal year which commences after the fiscal year in which notification of termination is given. Termination of benefits under this section shall not constitute a claim against the state of Kansas or the Kansas public employees retirement system by any person receiving a benefit under the provisions of this section or who would have been eligible to receive a benefit under the provisions of this section in the future.

(e) Any person who is first employed by the legislative branch of the state of Kansas prior to July 1, 1996, and who is employed on July 1, 1996, may elect prior to October 1, 1996, to be covered by the provisions of this section or the provisions relating to the deferred compensation plan as provided in K.S.A. 74-4911f and amendments thereto by filing an election in the office of the appointing authority of such person in such form and manner as prescribed by such appointing authority. In the event any such person fails to file the election provided in this subsection, it shall be presumed that such person has elected to be covered by the provisions of this section. Any person first employed by the legislative branch of the state of Kansas prior to July 1, 1996, who is not employed as such on July 1, 1996, may make the election provided in this section within 30 days of returning to such employment. No person first employed by the legislative branch of the state of Kansas on and after July 1, 1996, shall be eligible for any monthly retirement benefit under this section.

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