

74-4992. Membership in public employees retirement system authorized for members of the legislature; certain elections concerning membership or participation; repurchase of previously forfeited legislative service. (a) Any such member of the legislature or former member of the legislature as described in K.S.A. 74-4991, and amendments thereto, shall become a member on entry date or upon filing with the board an irrevocable election to become or not to become a member of the system. In the event that any such member of the legislature or former member of the legislature fails to file the election to become a member of the retirement system, it shall be presumed that such member of the legislature or former member of the legislature has elected not to become a member. The election to participate shall become effective immediately upon making such election, if such election is made within 14 days of taking the oath of office or, otherwise, on the first day of the first payroll period of the first quarter following receipt of the election in the office of the retirement system. On and after July 1, 2006, all members of the legislature shall also make the election required by the provisions of K.S.A. 74-4995, and amendments thereto, related to the rate of compensation at which such members shall participate for purposes of K.S.A. 74-4991 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(b) Any member of the legislature who had attained membership in the Kansas public employees retirement system prior to taking the oath of office as a member of the legislature may elect not to participate in the Kansas public employees retirement system for the purpose of service as a member of the legislature. This election, which is irrevocable, must be filed within the offices of the system. Any member of the legislature who is a member of the retirement system on the effective date of this act and was a member of the retirement system at the time of taking the oath of office may elect not to participate in the retirement system for service as a member of the legislature if such irrevocable election is filed within the offices of the system.

(c) Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-49,123, and amendments thereto, any member of the legislature who elected not to participate in the retirement system, and who is not a contributing member with any other participating employer, may purchase such participating service by making a single lump-sum payment in an amount determined by the actuary using the then current rate of compensation and the actuarial assumptions and tables currently in use by the system.

(d) Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-49,123, and amendments thereto, except as otherwise provided in this section, any member of the retirement system may purchase participating service credit for employment service as described in this section, if first commenced prior to January 1, 1996, by electing to effect such purchase by means of having employee contributions as provided in K.S.A. 74-4919, and amendments thereto, deducted from such member's compensation at a percentage rate equal to two times or three times the employee's rate of contribution as provided in K.S.A. 74-4919, and amendments thereto, for such periods of service in lieu of a lump-sum amount as provided in this section. Such deductions shall commence at the beginning of the quarter following such election and shall remain in effect until all quarters of such service have been purchased. Any person may make any such purchase as described in this section, if first commenced in calendar year 1996 or thereafter, at an additional rate of contribution, in addition to the employee's rate of contribution as provided in K.S.A. 74-4919, and amendments thereto, based upon the member's attained age at the time of purchase and using actuarial assumptions and tables in use by the retirement system at such time of purchase, for such periods of service, in lieu of a lump-sum amount as provided in this section. Such additional rate of contribution shall commence at the beginning of the quarter following such election and shall remain in effect until all quarters of such service have been purchased.

History: L. 1973, ch. 329, § 2; L. 1975, ch. 413, § 3; L. 1984, ch. 289, § 17; L. 1985, ch. 254, § 22; L. 1990, ch. 282, § 20; L. 1993, ch. 227, § 50; L. 1995, ch. 267, § 29; L. 1998, ch. 64, § 87; L. 1998, ch. 201, § 45; L. 2006, ch. 143, § 24; July 1.