

74-4995. Same; employee and employer contributions; rate of compensation elected by member of the legislature; revocation of such election prohibited.

(a) Employer and employee contributions shall be governed by the provisions of K.S.A. 74-4919 and 74-4920, and amendments thereto. For purposes of contributions to and benefits under the Kansas public employees retirement system, compensation of a member of the legislature under this act shall be a monthly amount equal to: (1) The compensation to which the member was entitled for services as a member of the legislature during the first 30 calendar days of the most recent session in which the member has served; and (2) any amount to which the member makes an election pursuant to this subsection. In addition to the provisions of subsection (a)(1) and any election made pursuant to this subsection, the compensation of a member shall include an additional five days of compensation to which such member was entitled for services as a member of the legislature of the most recent session in which the member has served beyond the days provided for in subsection (a)(1). In addition to the provisions of subsection (a)(1), a member of the legislature may elect to participate with a rate of compensation that includes: (A) For service as a member after July 18, 1982, a monthly amount equal to 1/12 of the annualized amount received for monthly allowance under subsection (c) of K.S.A. 46-137a, and amendments thereto; (B) a monthly amount equal to 1/12 of the annualized amount received for expenses allowance under subsection (b) of K.S.A. 46-137a, and amendments thereto; or (C) an amount equal to the combined amounts provided for in subsections (2)(A) and (2)(B). A member of the legislature who has filed an election to become a member of the system pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-4992, and amendments thereto, prior to July 1, 2006, shall file an election with the system to include any amounts specified in subsection (2)(A), (2)(B) or (2)(C) prior to August 1, 2006, except that nothing contained in this act shall be construed to permit a member of the legislature who has made an election pursuant to this section prior to the effective date of this act to revoke any such election previously made by such member. In the event that any such member fails to file such election prior to August 1, 2006, it shall be presumed that such member has elected to not include any amounts specified in subsection (2)(A), (2)(B) or (2)(C), and participate at a rate of compensation that includes only the amount provided in subsection (a)(1). A member of the legislature who files an election to become a member of the system pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-4992, and amendments thereto, on and after July 1, 2006, shall file an election with the system to include any amounts specified in subsection (2)(A), (2)(B) or (2)(C) at the same time that such member files the election to become a member of the system. In the event that any such member fails to file such election, it shall be presumed that such member has elected to not include any amounts specified in subsection (2)(A), (2)(B) or (2)(C), and participate at a rate of compensation that includes only the amount provided in subsection (a)(1).

(b) The employee rate of contribution shall be applied to any amounts to which a member has elected pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a)(2). The employee and employer contributions shall be remitted to the system quarterly with a report of such contributions as may be required by the board. Any changes in a member's rate of compensation and contributions as a result of any election mandated by this section for a member of the legislature who had filed an election to become a member of the system prior to July 1, 2006, shall be effective on October 1, 2006. All such elections pursuant to this section shall be in the form and manner prescribed by the board of trustees.

(c) Any member of the legislature making the election pursuant to subsection (a)(2) may not revoke such election while they remain a participating employee for service as a member of the legislature.

History: L. 1973, ch. 329, § 5; L. 1982, ch. 319, § 43; L. 1985, ch. 254, § 23; L. 1990, ch. 282, § 22; L. 2006, ch. 143, § 25; L. 2012, ch. 171, § 27; July 1.