

lations of the Board and the Board shall not be bound by technical rules of evidence.

The said Board shall also make a study of retirement systems and report back to the next session of the General Assembly, with recommendations as to the advisability of creating a permanent and sound retirement system and whether such system should be contributory or non-contributory.

1937, ch. 489, sec. 3.

3. After October 1, 1937, any employee of the State who attains or has attained the age of 70 may, on his own application, be retired from service, in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

1937, ch. 489, sec. 4.

4. Any employee of the State, who is retired on account of age, shall be granted an annual retirement allowance or compensation equal to one-seventieth of his or her average salary or compensation for the ten years next preceding retirement, multiplied by the number of years of service as an employee of the State. Any employee of the State who has been separated from the service of the State because of age or disability since June 1, 1935, shall be eligible for retirement under the provisions of this Article upon making application to the Board and complying with its rules and regulations. Provided, however, that no employee shall be granted a retirement allowance on account of age, or physical or mental disability, unless he or she has been in the employ of the State for at least ten years.

Any employee retired on account of accidental disability shall receive a retirement allowance equal to one-half of the annual salary or compensation received by him or her at the time of retirement.

All employees granted a retirement allowance under this Article shall receive the same in equal semi-monthly payments, the same to be paid by the State Comptroller upon the certification of semi-monthly payrolls by the State Employment Commissioner containing the names, addresses, and amounts to be paid to each of said retired employees.

The term "employee" as used in this Article shall not include or apply to elected officials.

Nothing in this Article shall be construed to affect the provisions of any other law for the retirement or payment of pensions to employees of the State, but no employee of the State shall be entitled to receive more than one retirement allowance or pension payable out of State funds.