

Section 6(c), including one who became disabled before having served at least one term, shall begin receiving a retirement allowance immediately upon leaving office equal to the amount he would have received had he served a full COMPLETED HIS CURRENT term and attained age 55. However, when such physical or mental disability no longer exists and the retiree has not yet attained age 55, this disability retirement allowance shall terminate. When such retiree attains age 55, he shall receive the normal retirement allowance provided he is otherwise qualified. Upon the death of a Governor at any time after leaving office, the surviving spouse, regardless of age, shall receive a benefit for the remainder of the spouse's life equal to one half the benefit which the retired Governor was receiving or would have been entitled to receive, including any cost of living adjustments. Upon the death of a Governor while in office, the surviving spouse, regardless of the age of the Governor or the spouse, shall receive for the remainder of the spouse's life one half the benefit which the Governor would have been entitled to receive had he completed ~~one~~ HIS CURRENT term and attained age 55. The benefits provided in this subsection for a retired Governor and the surviving spouse of the retired Governor shall be adjusted from year to year for cost of living changes in accordance with the procedure set forth in § 118 of this article.

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(19) (A) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER" MEANS:

- (I) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE;
- (II) THE COMPTROLLER OF THE STATE;
- (III) THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE;
- (IV) THE SECRETARY OF STATE; OR
- (V) THE TREASURER OF THE STATE.

(B) IF A CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER IS A MEMBER OF THE PENSION SYSTEM:

(I) THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER SHALL, AT THE TIME OF TAKING OFFICE, HAVE IMMEDIATE VESTING RIGHTS IN THE PENSION SYSTEM; AND

(II) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (C) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER'S RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE SHALL BE DETERMINED AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) IF THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER HAS SERVED AT LEAST ONE FULL TERM, THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER'S SERVICE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE MAY NOT BE LESS THAN 10 PERCENT OF THE ANNUAL SALARY RECEIVED DURING THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER'S LAST TERM OF OFFICE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the