

either prior to or after retirement, except as hereinafter provided. Contributions to the fund shall be maintained during the active service of such member and shall be terminated upon his death or retirement. Members shall forfeit all claims to benefits if they leave the Department for any cause prior to death or retirement.

Participation in this feature of the Special Fund for Widows shall be optional, but for the purpose of providing revenue to meet the obligations incurred, the additional contributions hereinbefore referred to shall be effective June 1st, 1939, deductions to be made from salaries and shown on the payrolls of the Police Department of Baltimore City, but the payment of pensions as herein provided, even though a member may die between the period of June 1st and December 31st, 1939, shall not become effective until January 1st, 1940, and then shall be made in the manner as now provided by law for the payment of pensions to retired members of the Department.

943B. Members of the Police Department of Baltimore City who may be appointed after June 1st, 1939, and become members of the Special Fund, may participate in the benefits of the Special Fund for Widows, provided eligibility to do so is established within thirty (30) days after appointment and not otherwise.

In the event a widow, to whom a pension allowance would be paid in accordance with the provisions of Section 943A, is appointed to any position in the Police Department of Baltimore City, the pension allowance shall be suspended during the period of employment, and if such member is retired on a pension, the provisions of Section 943A and 943B shall not be applicable.

The pension allowance to the widow or for the benefit of minor children shall be one-quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the base salary of the grade or position of the deceased member, said benefits to be paid to the widow (or children as above provided), conditioned, however, that the provisions of Sections 943A and 943B shall not apply to a widow unless she shall have been married to a deceased member for at least five years preceding his death, and shall not apply to widows of members whose marriage occurred subsequent to retirement.

Nothing in Sections 943A and 943B shall be construed to be in conflict with the provisions of Section 943 of this Article.

All revenue derived in accordance with the terms of Section 943A shall be kept in a separate and distinct fund to be known as the Special Fund for Widows, and shall be