

(4) Should any member in any period of six consecutive years after last becoming a member be absent from service more than two years, or should he withdraw all or part of his accumulated contributions, or should he become a beneficiary or die, he shall thereupon cease to be a member.

49. (Creditable Service.) (1) Under such rules and regulations as the Board of Trustees shall adopt, each member who was an employee at any time during the year immediately preceding the date of establishment shall receive credit for all service as an employee rendered by him prior to the date of establishment for which he received credit in the State Police Pension Fund.

(2) The Board of Trustees shall issue prior service certificates certifying to each member the length of service rendered prior to the date of the establishment of the retirement system with which he is credited. So long as membership continues a prior service certificate shall be final and conclusive for retirement purposes as to such service, provided, however, that any member may, within one year from the date of issuance or modification of such certificate, request the Board of Trustees to modify or correct his prior service certificate.

When membership ceases such prior service certificate shall become void. Should the employee again become a member, such employee shall enter the system as an employee not entitled to prior service credit.

(3) Creditable service at retirement on which the retirement allowance of a member shall be based shall consist of the membership service rendered by him since he last became a member, and also, if he has a prior service certificate which is in full force and effect, the period of the service certified on his prior service certificate.

50. (Benefits.):

#### SERVICE RETIREMENT BENEFIT

(1) (a) Any member in service may retire upon written application to the Board of Trustees setting forth at what time, not less than thirty days nor more than ninety days subsequent to the execution and filing thereof, he desires to be retired, provided that such member at the time so specified for his retirement shall have attained the age of fifty-five and notwithstanding that during such period of notification he may have separated from service.