

the attainment of age ~~ifty (50)~~ FIFTY-FIVE (55) may, in lieu of the withdrawal of his accumulated contributions, elect to receive a service retirement allowance deferred to commence at age ~~ifty (50)~~ FIFTY-FIVE (55) and computed on the basis of his years of service and earnable compensation to the date of his termination.

(c) *Termination Benefit*—Any such member whose service is terminated prior to the completion of eight (8) years of service and who elects (i) to leave his accumulated contributions in the Annuity Savings Fund and (ii) to make additional contributions equal to the additional amounts which would have been contributed by him and on his behalf by the State had he remained in service until the completion of eight (8) years of service, shall be eligible to receive a termination retirement allowance deferred to commence at age ~~ifty (50)~~ FIFTY-FIVE (55) equal to forty per cent (40%) of his last annual earnable compensation.

(d) *Spouse's Benefit*—Upon the death of (i) any retired member who is in receipt of a retirement allowance, (ii) any retired member who is eligible to receive a deferred allowance and (iii) any active member who has completed eight (8) years of service, who leaves a surviving spouse, with whom he was living as husband or wife on the date of his death, said spouse shall be entitled to a spouse's allowance equal to one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the service retirement allowance which he is in receipt of or would have been entitled to receive had he been eligible to retire at the time of his death.

(e) *Death Benefit*—Upon the death of any such member in service and provided that no benefit is payable under the provisions of this Subsection (13), his accumulated contributions and any additional amounts he may have contributed under the provisions of Subsection (13) (c) shall be paid to such person as the member shall have nominated, otherwise to his estate.

(f) *Return of Accumulated Contributions*—Upon the termination of a member's service in the General Assembly, except by death or retirement and provided no benefit is payable under the provisions of this Subsection (13), the amount of his accumulated contributions shall be returned to him upon his application.

(g) *State Contributions*—The State shall make annual contributions in accordance with the applicable provision of Section 14 of this Article, which together with the contributions required of members covered by Subsection (13) shall be sufficient to fund the benefits payable under the terms of said Subsection on a sound actuarial basis.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1966.

Approved April 29, 1966.

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CHAPTER 282

(Senate Bill 420)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 6 (a) of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement