

judges' contributions made under this subsection prior to July 1, 1970, shall be credited by the State Treasurer to the appropriate fund of the Employees' Retirement System.

(8) As used in this subsection the term "initial appointment" means the first appointment as a judge of the Court of Appeals, Court of Special Appeals, Circuit Court or Supreme Bench, and shall not apply to a judge who receives a subsequent appointment or reappointment to any of the aforementioned courts. The term "initially elected" means a person who first becomes a judge of one of the aforementioned courts by being elected to the office.

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THE WIDOW OF EVERY JUDGE [WHO HAS BEEN ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE OR CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE AND] WHO DIES IN ACTIVE SERVICE SHALL BE PAID ONE-HALF OF THE PENSION OR SALARY TO WHICH SUCH JUDGE WOULD HAVE BEEN ENTITLED ON THE DATE OF HIS DEATH IF HE HAD BEEN ELIGIBLE FOR RETIREMENT AND HAD RETIRED ON SAID DATE IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER HE SHALL HAVE ATTAINED THE AGE OF 60 AT THE DATE OF HIS DEATH. THE WIDOW OF EVERY SUCH JUDGE WHO DIES AFTER RETIRING SHALL BE PAID ONE-HALF OF THE PENSION OR SALARY WHICH SUCH JUDGE WAS RECEIVING AT THE DATE OF HIS DEATH. THE WIDOW OF EVERY SUCH JUDGE WHO DIES AFTER HIS ACTIVE SERVICE IS TERMINATED, IF HE WAS AT LEAST 60 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH, SHALL BE PAID ONE-HALF OF THE PENSION OR SALARY TO WHICH SUCH JUDGE WOULD HAVE BEEN ENTITLED ON THE DATE OF HIS DEATH IF HE HAD ELECTED TO RECEIVE SAID PENSION OR SALARY IMMEDIATELY AFTER TERMINATION OF HIS ACTIVE SERVICE. IN ORDER TO BE ENTITLED TO THE PENSION OR SALARY PROVIDED BY THIS SECTION, A WIDOW OF A JUDGE WHO DIES DURING ACTIVE SERVICE SHALL HAVE BEEN MARRIED TO HIM FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN THREE YEARS PRIOR TO HIS DEATH, AND, IN THE CASE OF THE DEATH OF A RETIRED JUDGE, NOT LESS THAN THREE YEARS BEFORE HIS RETIREMENT. A WIDOW WHO IS ENTITLED TO A PENSION OR SALARY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE PAID FOR THE PERIOD OF HER LIFE UNLESS SHE REMARRIES, IN WHICH EVENT THE PENSION OR SALARY IS TO CEASE AND TERMINATE. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY TO THE WIDOWS, WHO HAVE NOT REMARRIED AND WHO ARE OTHERWISE QUALIFIED AS PROVIDED HEREIN, OF ELECTED JUDGES AND RETIRED ELECTED JUDGES WHO DIED BEFORE JUNE 1, 1955. IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT WHICH ANY WIDOW IS ENTITLED TO BE PAID AFTER JULY 1, 1962, THE PENSION OF THE DECEASED JUDGE SHALL BE CALCULATED AT THE RATES PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 49 OF ARTICLE 26 AS OF THAT DATE, NOTWITHSTANDING THAT SUCH JUDGE MAY HAVE DIED PRIOR THERETO.