

his maximum salary or the sixteenth (1/16) of that amount for each year of service, or a pro rata share to reflect less than a full year of service, if he served for less than sixteen years.

(2) All judges subject to the provisions of this subtitle who are in office as of June 30, 1969, may elect to remain under the present pension plan or to be under the pension plan provided for in this subsection; provided, any judge who elects to be under the pension plan provided for in this subsection shall not be able to subsequently select the pension provided in subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section. All judges receiving initial appointments or initially elected after June 30, 1969, shall be under the pension plan provided for in this subsection.

(3) Any judge who does not elect to be paid a pension under subsections (a), (b) or (c) of this section shall be deemed to have elected to receive a pension under the provisions of this subsection.

(4) Each judge electing to be under the pension plan provided for in this subsection, or who is otherwise under this pension plan, shall contribute toward the cost of his pension an amount equal to six per centum (6%) of his annual compensation which shall be deducted from his compensation each pay period.

Any judge in office as of June 30, 1969, who initially does not elect to be under the pension plan provided for in this subsection, but who later wishes to do so must, upon such election, pay in a lump sum, in addition to the annual contributions provided for in this subsection, an amount equal to the contributions he would have made, if initially under the plan, for each year after June 30, 1969, plus interest of four per centum (4%).

Any judge covered by the pension plan provided for in this subsection, who is not elected to a full term, or confirmed by the Senate following his initial appointment, shall be paid the amount of his accumulated contributions plus interest of four per centum (4%) from the date or dates of payment, and shall not be entitled to any pension under this subsection.

Any elected judge qualified for the pension plan provided for in this subsection who resigns, for reasons other than disability, prior to reaching sixty years of age, shall be entitled to allow his contributions to remain in the pension system and shall at sixty years of age be entitled to a pension as provided in this subsection; or shall be entitled to withdraw his accumulated contributions plus interest at four per centum (4%) calculated from the date or dates of payment and shall forfeit any pension rights under the provisions of this subsection. Any judge who withdraws his contribution and is subsequently appointed as a judge of the Court of Appeals, Court of Special Appeals, Circuit Court, or Supreme Bench may obtain credit for his prior years' service as a judge by the payment in a lump sum, of an amount equal to the accumulated contributions and interest withdrawn, plus interest at four per centum (4%) from the date of withdrawal to the date of deposit.

If a judge dies prior to termination of active service and is not survived by a widow qualified for a pension under Section 50 of this article, the accumulated contributions plus interest of four per centum (4%) shall be paid to the judge's estate. If a judge who is