

resigned or who resigns because of incapacitating illness, no other judge who has resigned or who resigns prior to reaching his sixtieth birthday is entitled to any benefits under the provisions of this section.] in an amount to which he would have been entitled, had he completed his then existing term of office or reached the age of seventy (70) years, whichever is less.

(j)(1) A judge in active service from and after July 1, 1971, shall contribute toward the cost of his State Retirement salary or pension a sum computed as follows: (i) for a judge who first began or begins his active service after June 30, 1969, a sum equal to six per centum (6%) of the State salary paid or payable to him up to the time of his retirement or termination of active service; (ii) for a judge who began his active service prior to July 1, 1969, a sum equal to six per centum (6%) of the amount by which his State salary paid or payable to him from and after July 1, 1971, exceeds the State salary paid or payable to or for him immediately prior to July 1, 1971.

(2) Subsections (d), (e), (f), (g), and (h), of this section apply to the payment of a State retirement salary or pension under this subsection (j). As of July 1, 1971, subsection (i) of this section shall be of no further effect except as to judges who retired thereunder between July 1, 1969 and July 1, 1971.

(3) 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%) per annum from the date or dates of payment of contributions and shall not be entitled to any pension under this subsection.

(4) (3) 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 contribution to remain in the pension system and at sixty years of age shall be entitled to a pension or salary as provided in this subsection or shall be entitled to withdraw his accumulated contributions plus interest at four per centum (4%) per annum calculated from the date or dates of payment of contributions and shall forfeit any pension rights under the provisions of this subsection. Any judge who withdraws his contributions and is subsequently appointed as a judge of the circuit court, the Court of Appeals, the Court of Special Appeals, 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%) per annum from the date of withdrawal to the date of deposit.

(5) (4) 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%) per annum shall be paid to the judge's estate. If a judge who is receiving a pension dies and is not survived by a widow qualified for a pension under Section 50 of this Article, or a widow who is receiving a pension under Section 50 of this Article dies, his or her estate shall be entitled to receive the accumulated contributions plus interest of four per centum per annum less any amount paid to the judge or his widow under the pension.