

tributions under this section, and shall also include all or part of such service rendered prior to his commencement of contributions hereunder but not prior to July 1, 1971 provided he has contributed all amounts (with interest thereon) he was eligible to contribute hereunder with respect to such service within a period of six months from July 1, 1971. Service rendered prior to July 1, 1971 shall also be credited provided he was a member of the retirement system on July 1, 1971 and contributed all amounts he was eligible to contribute thereafter with respect to his service on the County Council and provided that the member makes up the contributions (with interest thereon to date of payment) which he would have made had he been a member of the retirement system during such service.

(b) Service Retirement Allowance. Any such member who has completed sixteen years of service or has attained the age of fifty-five and has completed four years of service may retire and receive a retirement allowance which shall be equal to one-twentieth of his average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of his service not in excess of twenty years.

(c) Deferred Service Retirement Allowance. Any such member whose service is terminated after four years of service prior to the attainment of age fifty-five may, in lieu of the withdrawal of his accumulated contributions, elect to receive a service retirement allowance deferred to commence at age fifty-five and computed on the basis of his years of service and earnable compensation to the date of his termination.

(d) Death Benefit.

(1) Upon the death of any such member in service there shall be paid to such person as he shall have nominated, otherwise to his estate, a lump sum amount equal to his accumulated contributions on the date of his death, plus, if the member has one or more years of service on the date of his death, an amount equal to fifty per cent of the annual earnable compensation of the member at the date of his death.

(2) Upon the death of any such member in service who has met the eligibility requirements for a service retirement allowance and who has not nominated a beneficiary other than his spouse, there shall be paid to the member's surviving spouse, in lieu of the lump sum, under (1) above, an allowance which would have been payable had the member retired immediately prior to his death and elected Option 2 with the spouse designated thereunder. If such spouse is the person nominated by the member to receive the benefit under (1) above, he may, by written notice filed with the board of trustees prior to the commencement of such allowance, but not more than sixty days after such member's death, elect to receive said lump sum benefit in lieu of the allowance payable under this paragraph (2).

(3) Upon the death of any such member in service who is not eligible for a service retirement allowance, but who has attained the age of fifty and completed fifteen or more years of creditable service