

Any 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service as a judge by the payment in a lump sum, of an amount equal to the accumulated contributions and interest withdrawn, plus interest at four per centum (4%) from the date of withdrawal to the date of deposit.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] SPOUSE qualified for a pension under § 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 receiving a pension dies and is not survived by a [widow] SPOUSE qualified for a pension under § 50 of this article or a [widow] SPOUSE who is receiving a pension under § 50 of this article dies, no portion of the accumulated contributions shall be paid to either estate.

In no event shall any judge make the contributions provided for by this subsection for more than sixteen years.

(5) There shall be no local supplementation of pensions for judges who elect to receive a pension under this subsection in any amount that will make the total of State and local pension exceed \$20,000.

Judges entitled to a State pension under the provisions of this subsection of more than \$20,000 may receive the amount to which they are entitled but shall not be eligible to receive any local supplementation.

(6) Each judge covered by the pension plan provided for in this subsection shall be subject to the benefits and the limitations of § 49 (e), (f) and (g) and § 50 of this article.

(7) The contributions made under this subsection shall be credited to the appropriate fund of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland. The board of trustees of the Employees' Retirement System shall be responsible for the management and investments of the funds and the administration of the pension system provided for in this subsection. An amount equal to the 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] SPOUSE of every judge 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] SPOUSE of every such judge who dies after retiring shall be paid one half of the pension [of] OR salary which [such] THE judge was