

and assistants, for whom the State pays a portion of annual salary under the provisions of the subtitle "State Department of Assessments and Taxation" in Article 81 of this Code; but the term "employee" does not include any such assessor who is a member of a retirement or pension system operated by a political subdivision of this State. The term "employee" also includes regular and full-time staff members of the Commission to revise the Annotated Code and of any successor agency or agencies. In all cases of doubt, the board of trustees, provided for in § 11 of this article, shall determine whether any person is an employee as defined in this article, irrespective of the method of payment.

(4) "Member" shall mean any employee included in the membership of the retirement system as provided in § 3 of this article.

(5) "Board of trustees" shall mean the board provided for in § 11 of this article to administer the retirement system.

(6) "Medical board" shall mean the board of physicians provided for in § 11 of this article.

(7) "Service" shall mean service as employee paid for by the State, and service as a worker on county road systems in those counties where maintenance of roads is supervised by the State Roads Commission.

(8) "Prior service" shall mean service rendered prior to the date of establishment of the retirement system, or service rendered prior to membership in the retirement system, for which credit is allowable under § 7 of this article.

(9) "Membership service" shall mean service as an employee rendered while a member of the retirement system.

(10) "Creditable service" shall mean prior service plus membership service for which credit is allowable as provided in § 7 of this article. In the case of employees who enjoy such status by virtue of employment in county road systems, as hereinbefore provided, prior service credit shall include credit for the full period for which they have been so employed by the county involved, including service rendered before supervision and control were assumed by the State Roads Commission.

(11) "Beneficiary" shall mean any person in receipt of a pension, an annuity, a retirement allowance, or other benefits as provided by this article.

(12) "Regular interest" for the Annuity Savings Fund shall mean interest at the rate per centum per annum compounded annually as may be set from time to time by the board with a minimum rate of three per centum per annum and a maximum rate of four per centum per annum. "Regular interest" for the [Annuity Reserve Fund, the Pension Accumulation Fund and the Pension Reserve Fund] PURPOSES OF THE ACTUARIAL VALUATIONS shall mean [(in)] interest at such rate or rates as may be set FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES in accordance with § 13, subsection (2) of this article, as amended from time to time.

(13) "Accumulated contributions" shall mean the sum of all the amounts deducted from the compensation of a member and credited to his individual account in the Annuity Savings Fund, together with regular interest thereon, as provided in § 14 of this article.

(14) "Earnable compensation" shall mean the full rate of compensation that would be payable to an employee if he worked the full normal working time for his position. In cases where compensation includes maintenance, the Standard Salary