

RESTORED TO MEMBERSHIP, HIS ANNUITY RESERVE SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE ANNUITY SAVINGS FUND AND CREDITED TO HIS INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS THEREIN.

(j) The board of trustees may in its discretion adopt a generally accepted method of writing up the book value of the common stock portion of the assets held by the retirement system, provided that the annual amount of any such write-up shall not exceed 3 per centum of the total book value of the common stocks held as of the determination date of the write-up. One half of the amount of any such write-up shall be offset against the employer contributions otherwise payable hereunder and, notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the other half shall be accumulated in a special account under the [Pension] Accumulation Fund to be used to provide all or part of the cost of benefit improvements.

[(4) Pension Reserve Fund. The Pension Reserve Fund shall be the fund in which shall be held the reserves on all pensions granted to members and from which such pensions and benefits in lieu thereof shall be paid. Should a beneficiary retired on account of disability be restored to membership, his pension reserve shall be transferred from the Pension Reserve Fund to the Pension Accumulation Fund. Should the pension of a disability beneficiary be reduced as a result of an increase in his earning capacity, the amount of the annual reduction in his pension shall be paid annually into the Pension Accumulation Fund during the period of such reduction.]

[(5)] (3) The Expense Fund shall be the fund to which shall be credited all money provided by the State to pay the administration expenses of the retirement system and from which shall be paid all the expenses necessary in connection with the administration and operation of the system. Biennially the board of trustees shall estimate the amount of money, not in excess of three tenths of one per centum of the payroll of members, which shall be deemed necessary to be paid into the Expense Fund during the ensuing years to provide for the expense of operation of the retirement system, and such amount shall be paid to the Expense Fund for this purpose.

[(6)] (4) On or before the first day of November next preceding each regular meeting of the General Assembly of Maryland, the board of trustees shall certify to the Governor the amounts which will become due and payable during the biennium next following to each of the funds of the retirement system. The amount thus ascertained shall be included in the budget bill which is submitted to the General Assembly.

The board of trustees shall certify one quarter of the amount so ascertained for each year of the biennium to the State Comptroller on or before the last day of December, February, May and September. The Comptroller shall, on or before the first day of January, March, June and October, draw a warrant or warrants on the State Treasurer for the respective amounts due the retirement system. On the receipt of the warrant of the Comptroller, the State Treasurer shall immediately transfer to the retirement system the amounts due.

(7) The board of trustees is hereby authorized and directed subject to the annual appropriation of the necessary funds and in addition to those provided in accordance with and in the same manner as that provided in subsections (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6), of this section and subject to the conditions hereinafter provided, to make a supplementary payment to any beneficiary who was retired prior to July 1, 1971, in addition to the benefits provided in § 11 of this article, on the following basis: