

member's estate or to such person having an insurable interest in the life of the deceased, as he shall have nominated by written designation duly executed and filed with the board of trustees:

(i) The member's accumulated contributions; and

(ii) If the member has one through two years of creditable service, an amount equal to his OR HER annual earnable compensation at the time of [his] death.

(b) The board of trustees [is authorized to] MAY take such steps as are necessary to provide the death benefit under this subsection in the form of group life insurance, if, in the opinion of the board of trustees, [such] THAT provision would allow a more favorable tax treatment of the benefit to the beneficiaries thereof.

No ordinary death benefit shall be paid for the death of any member [whenever] IF a special death benefit [shall be] IS paid for the same.

(9) Upon the receipt of proper proofs of the death of a member in service who had either more than two years of creditable service or whose death arose out of or in the course of the actual performance of duty, [provided that] IF in either event the death was without wilful negligence on the part of the deceased, and upon the finding and certification by the board that [such] THE death so occurred, there shall be paid:

(a) To [such] THE person having an insurable interest in the life of the deceased, as [he shall have] nominated by THE DECEASED'S written designation duly executed and filed with the board of trustees, otherwise to [his] THE DECEASED'S estate, his accumulated contributions; and

(b) To [his widow, if he leaves a widow, to continue during her widowhood] THE SURVIVING SPOUSE, AS LONG AS THE SURVIVING SPOUSE REMAINS UNMARRIED; or if there [be no widow, or if the widow] IS NO SURVIVING SPOUSE, OR IF THE SURVIVING SPOUSE dies or remarries before the younger child of [such] THE deceased member [shall have] HAS attained the age of [eighteen] 18, then to [his] THE child or children under said age if he OR SHE leaves children, divided in such manner as the board in its discretion [shall determine] DETERMINES to continue as a joint and survivorship pension for the benefit of the child or children under [said age] 18 until every child dies or attains [said age] 18; or if there [be no widow] IS NO SPOUSE or children under the