

stocks and may invest a maximum of forty percent (40%) of the total funds in mortgages and deeds of trust on properties located in the State of Maryland; and subject to like terms, conditions, limitations and restrictions, said trustees shall have full power to hold, purchase, sell, assign, transfer and dispose of any of the securities and investments in which any of the funds created herein shall have been invested, as well as the proceeds of said investments and any moneys belonging to said funds. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law to the contrary, that ground-rent redemption deeds, releases or reassignments of mortgages, satisfactions or reassignments of notes, conveying, releasing or reassigning any interest owned by the State of Maryland for the use of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland, shall be executed by any two of the following: [director of] ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL FOR retirement systems, Investment Administrator and/or mortgage attorney.

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All of the assets of the retirement system shall be credited, according to the purpose for which they are held, to one of three funds, namely the Annuity Savings Fund, the Accumulation Fund, and the Expense Fund.

(1) (e) Subject to the approval of the board of trustees, in addition to the contributions deducted from compensation as hereinbefore provided, any member may redeposit in the Annuity Savings Fund by a single payment or by an increased rate of contribution an amount equal to the total amount which he previously withdrew therefrom as provided in this article, or any part thereof; or any member may deposit therein by a single payment or by an increased rate of contribution an amount computed to be sufficient to purchase an additional annuity which, together with his prospective retirement allowance, will provide for him a total retirement allowance not in excess of two thirds of his average final compensation at the age of 60 or after 30 years of creditable service, whichever would first occur. In addition to the contributions hereinbefore provided, subject to such conditions as may be established by the board of trustees, any member may, in accordance with a contract with his employer, have further contributions at a fixed percentage of two percent or more, but not to exceed twenty percent of his compensation made on his account, either by a reduction in his salary or in lieu of an increase in his compensation. The cost of administering annuities qualifying under § 403 (b) of the Internal Revenue Code as amended from time to time, shall be provided from the funds invested in such annuities. Such additional amounts so deposited shall become a part of his accumulated contributions except in the case of [disability] retirement, when they shall be treated as excess contributions returnable to the member in cash or as an annuity of equivalent actuarial value.

(2) (a) The Accumulation Fund shall be the fund in