

normally due, elect a retirement allowance of equivalent actuarial value in one of the optional forms set out below. The election of the option shall be made on a form provided for that purpose and shall be filed with the board of trustees. Should a member die prior to the expiration of [thirty days after the date of the filing of the election or prior to] 30 days after retirement, the election shall be void and of no effect, and the benefits payable on his account shall be the same as though his election had not been filed and he had died in active service. A member who has elected an optional benefit may change such election by due notice to the board of trustees, but no change may be made after the first payment of his allowance becomes normally due.

Option 1. If he dies before he has received in payments the present value of his retirement allowance as it was at the time of his retirement, the balance shall be paid to his legal representatives or to the person he has most recently nominated by written designation duly acknowledged and filed with the board of trustees; or

Option 2. Upon his death, his reduced retirement allowance shall be continued throughout the life of and paid to the person as he has nominated by written designation duly acknowledged and filed with the board of trustees at the time of his retirement; or

Option 3. Upon his death, one half of his reduced retirement allowance shall be continued throughout the life of and paid to the person he has nominated by written designation duly acknowledged and filed with the board of trustees at the time of his retirement; or

Option 4. Some other benefit or benefits shall be paid either to the member or to the person or persons he has nominated, provided the other benefit or benefits together with the reduced retirement allowance, shall be certified by the actuary to be of equivalent actuarial value to his retirement allowance, and shall be approved by the board of trustees.

(13) Any person [who is or may hereafter be] appointed or elected to membership in the General Assembly BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1971, may elect to contribute [fifteen] 15 percent [(15%)] of his compensation on and after July 1, 1966, and, in such event, shall become a member or continue as a member of the retirement system and be eligible to receive the benefits enumerated in this subsection on account of his service in the General Assembly. Anything in this article to the contrary notwithstanding, the benefits payable to a member under this subsection shall be in lieu of any and all pension benefits which may be payable to such member under any retirement system supported wholly or in part by the State, or, in the alternative such member may at any time prior to his retirement transfer his credit for service in the General Assembly to any other retirement system, supported wholly or in part by the State, of which