

(1) ANY PERSON WHO BECOMES A TEACHER ON OR AFTER THE DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT SHALL BECOME A MEMBER OF THIS PENSION SYSTEM AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT, UNLESS THAT TEACHER ELECTS TO PARTICIPATE IN AN OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM AS PROVIDED IN § 110 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(2) ANY PERSON WHO, ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1980, IS A TEACHER AND IS A MEMBER OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM SHALL BE ENTITLED TO MEMBERSHIP IN THIS PENSION SYSTEM, AND MAY BECOME A MEMBER AS OF THAT DATE, OR THE FIRST DAY OF EACH MONTH THEREAFTER THROUGH AND INCLUDING JULY 1, 1980, OR ANY SUBSEQUENT JULY 1, BY FILING WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AN EXECUTED WAIVER OF ALL BENEFITS THAT MIGHT INURE TO HIM UNDER THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

(3) THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY DENY THE RIGHT TO BECOME MEMBERS TO ANY CLASS OF TEACHERS WHOSE COMPENSATION IS ONLY PARTLY PAID BY THE STATE OR WHO ARE SERVING ON A TEMPORARY OR OTHER THAN YEARLY BASIS, AND IT ALSO MAY MAKE OPTIONAL WITH MEMBERS IN THIS CLASS THEIR INDIVIDUAL ENTRANCE INTO MEMBERSHIP.

(4) IF ANY MEMBER TERMINATES HIS EMPLOYMENT HE SHALL CEASE TO BE A MEMBER. MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE CONTINUED DURING A PERIOD WHILE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR WHILE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE WITHIN THE PERIODS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 65, § 88 OF THE CODE. IF A TEACHER'S MEMBERSHIP IN THIS SYSTEM TERMINATES AND HE AGAIN BECOMES A TEACHER, HE SHALL BE CONSIDERED A NEW TEACHER FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PENSION SYSTEM.

#### 143. ELIGIBILITY SERVICE.

(1) EXCEPT AS HEREINAFTER PROVIDED, ALL SERVICE WITH A PUBLIC SCHOOL RENDERED BY A TEACHER ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1980, AND BEFORE HIS RETIREMENT SHALL BE ELIGIBILITY SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PENSION SYSTEM. WITH RESPECT TO ANY CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH A TEACHER COMPLETES AT LEAST 700 HOURS OF SERVICE, THERE SHALL BE INCLUDED IN HIS ELIGIBILITY SERVICE A FULL YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE. ELIGIBILITY SERVICE MAY NOT BE RECOGNIZED FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE TEACHER COMPLETES LESS THAN 700 HOURS OF SERVICE. ANY CALENDAR YEAR AFTER THE YEAR IN WHICH A TEACHER FIRST BECOMES EMPLOYED DURING WHICH HE DOES NOT COMPLETE MORE THAN 350 HOURS OF SERVICE SHALL BE CONSIDERED A BREAK IN SERVICE. ANY SERVICE RENDERED BEFORE A BREAK IN SERVICE THAT OCCURS BEFORE THE YEAR IN WHICH A TEACHER RETIRES, DIES, OR OTHERWISE TERMINATES HIS EMPLOYMENT OR BECOMES 62 YEARS OLD MAY NOT BE RECOGNIZED AS ELIGIBILITY SERVICE, UNTIL THE TEACHER COMPLETES 1 YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE FOLLOWING THE BREAK IN SERVICE. HOWEVER, IF A TEACHER WHO HAS NOT COMPLETED THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR A VESTED RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE INCURS A BREAK IN SERVICE IN WHICH THE NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE 1-YEAR BREAKS IN SERVICE EQUALS OR EXCEEDS THE AGGREGATE NUMBER OF YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE RENDERED BEFORE THE BREAK IN SERVICE, EXCEPT FOR ANY YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE DISREGARDED BECAUSE OF ANY PRIOR