

(3) (i) was promoted to a position in the unclassified service of the State on or before June 30, 1982;

(ii) has been in the unclassified service or its equivalent in the State continuously from June 30, 1982, until separating from employment; and

(iii) separated from employment involuntarily as certified by the Secretary of Budget and Management; OR

(4) (I) IS A DEPUTY CLERK OF THE COURT AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION FOR RETIREMENT; AND

(II) WAS INITIALLY A DEPUTY CLERK OF THE COURT BEFORE JULY 22, 1981.

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(b) The Board of Trustees shall pay a member of the Employees' Pension System who qualifies under subsection (c) of this section a normal service retirement allowance, regardless of age, if the member:

(1) has at least 16 years of creditable service; and

(2) elects to have the member's accumulated contributions paid as an annuity of equivalent actuarial value instead of withdrawing the accumulated contributions.

(c) A member qualifies for a normal service retirement allowance under subsection (b) of this section if the member:

(1) (i) is an elected or appointed official of the State at the time of application for retirement; and

(ii) was initially an elected or appointed official of the State before July 22, 1981;

(2) (i) is an elected or appointed official of the State when separating from employment;

(ii) was initially an elected or appointed official of the State during the period from July 22, 1981, through June 30, 1982, both inclusive; and

(iii) separated from employment involuntarily, as certified by the Secretary of Budget and Management; [or]

(3) (i) was promoted to a position in the unclassified service of the State on or before June 30, 1982;

(ii) has been in the unclassified service or its equivalent in the State continuously from June 30, 1982, until separating from employment; and

(iii) separated from employment involuntarily, as certified by the Secretary of Budget and Management; OR