- (II) EACH MINOR CHILD SHALL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE AN EQUAL SHARE OF THE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN PAID TO THE SURVIVING SPOUSE UNTIL THE CHILD REACHES THE AGE OF 18 YEARS.
- (e) [If a surviving spouse who is receiving a retirement allowance dies or if a former judge who is receiving a retirement allowance dies and leaves no surviving spouse, payments] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (F) AND (G) OF THIS SECTION, PAYMENTS under either plan shall cease, and a person may not have any further rights arising from the judge's OR FORMER JUDGE'S service #: IF THE JUDGE OR FORMER JUDGE DIES AND:
- (1) THE JUDGE OR FORMER JUDGE DIES AND LEAVES NO SPOUSE, SURVIVING SPOUSE, OR MINOR CHILDREN;
 - (2) A SPOUSE, SURVIVING SPOUSE, OR ALL MINOR CHILDREN DIE; OR
 - (3) ALL OF THE JUDGE'S OR FORMER JUDGE'S CHILDREN ARE ADULTS:
 - (1) LEAVES NO SURVIVING SPOUSE OR MINOR CHILDREN;
- (2) A SURVIVING SPOUSE DIES AND THERE ARE NO MINOR CHILDREN OF THE DECEASED JUDGE; OR
- (3) THE LAST OF THE MINOR CHILDREN RECEIVING BENEFITS UNDER THIS SECTION ATTAINS MAJORITY OR DIES BEFORE ATTAINING MAJORITY.
- (F) (1) INSTEAD OF THE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES PAYABLE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, A JUDGE OR FORMER JUDGE WHO AT THE TIME OF RETIREMENT DOES NOT HAVE A SPOUSE OR MINOR CHILD WHO WOULD BE ENTITLED TO A BENEFIT UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION MAY ELECT A REDUCED ALLOWANCE OF EQUIVALENT ACTUARIAL VALUE IN ONE OF THE OPTIONAL FORMS SET OUT IN SUBSECTION (G)(2) OF THIS SECTION.
 - (2) THE ELECTION OF THE OPTION SHALL BE:
- (I) MADE BEFORE THE FIRST PAYMENT OF THE ALLOWANCE NORMALLY BECOMES DUE;
 - (II) MADE ON A FORM PROVIDED FOR THAT PURPOSE; AND
 - (III) FILED WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.
- (3) IF A JUDGE OR FORMER JUDGE DIES PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENT, THE ELECTION SHALL BE VOID AND OF NO EFFECT, AND THE BENEFITS PAYABLE ON THE JUDGE'S OR FORMER JUDGE'S ACCOUNT SHALL BE THE SAME AS THOUGH THE ELECTION HAD NOT BEEN FILED.
- (4) A JUDGE OR FORMER JUDGE WHO HAS ELECTED AN OPTIONAL BENEFIT MAY CHANGE THE ELECTION BY DUE NOTICE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BUT A CHANGE MAY NOT BE MADE AFTER THE FIRST PAYMENT OF THE ALLOWANCE NORMALLY BECOMES DUE.