

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMPENSATION COMMISSION

(b) Exceptions.

(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a member does not make any further contributions after 22 years and 3 months of creditable service.

(2) If the member elects to receive a retirement allowance under § 8(e)(2) of this Item 3A, a member shall contribute an amount equal to 5% of the member's annual salary until the member accrues the maximum retirement allowance payable under § 8(e)(2) of this Item 3A.

(c) Payment of member contributions. The member contribution shall be deducted proportionately from the member's salary each pay period and credited to the member's individual account in the annuity savings fund of the Employees' Retirement System for the Legislative Pension Plan.

6. Service Credit.

(a) Creditable service. Creditable service at retirement on which the allowance of a retiree is based shall consist of the sum of:

- (1) Membership service credit; and
- (2) Service credit purchased under this section.

(b) Membership service credit.

(1) A legislator shall earn membership service credit for each year of service the legislator is a member of the Legislative Pension Plan or the statutory pension plan.

(2) Years of service need not be consecutive.

(3) On or after January 8, 1975, a member shall receive one year of membership service credit if:

(i) The member is employed on a full-time basis by the State or a political subdivision of the State in nonlegislative employment;

(ii) The member is compensated by the State or a political subdivision of the State for the nonlegislative employment;

(iii) The member has taken a leave of absence from the nonlegislative employment while serving as a legislator; and

(iv) The member is not receiving credit in another retirement system supported wholly or in part by the State for the period of the member's absence from the nonlegislative employment.

(c) One-time purchase of service credit.

A member who is serving in the General Assembly shall have one opportunity to purchase service credit for all previous legislative service, including legislative service from previous terms of office, by paying to the Board of Trustees an amount equal to 5% of the salary payable to the legislator during the years of service to be purchased plus regular interest thereon.