

(2) For the purpose of submitting an application for disability, membership continues for 2 years after paid employment ends.

(c) (1) This subsection applies only to an application for disability retirement from a former member of:

- (i) the Correctional Officers' Retirement System;
- (ii) the Employees' Pension System;
- (iii) the Employees' Retirement System;
- (iv) the Local Fire and Police System;
- (v) the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; and
- (vi) the Teachers' Pension System.

(2) The Board of Trustees may accept an application for ordinary or accidental disability retirement from a former member within 36 months after the month membership ended if the former member proves to the satisfaction of the medical board that failure to submit an application while a member was attributable solely to physical or mental incapacity during the filing period.

(3) If the Board of Trustees accepts a disability retirement application under this subsection and grants a disability retirement allowance, the retirement allowance begins as of the first day of the month after the Board of Trustees receives the application.

(d) (1) This subsection does not apply to an application for special disability under the State Police Retirement System.

(2) The Board of Trustees may not accept an application for accidental disability filed by a member or former member more than 5 years after the date of the claimed accident [unless the member or former member proves to the satisfaction of the medical board that failure to submit an application within the required 5 years was attributable solely to physical or mental conditions that resulted directly from the event or act of duty that caused the disability].

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

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