- (II) THE INDIVIDUAL IS A MEMBER OF THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM AND HAS TERMINATED EMPLOYMENT WITH THE STATE AN EMPLOYING INSTITUTION AS DEFINED IN § 30–101(E) OF THIS ARTICLE; AND
- (3) THE INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS A LUMP–SUM PAYMENT OF THE VESTED ALLOWANCE ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE STATE RETIREMENT AGENCY. 29–303.1.
  - (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:
    - (1) IS A FORMER MEMBER OF:
      - (I) THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM; OR
      - (II) THE TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM;
    - (2) IS A MEMBER OF THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROCRAM:
- $\frac{(2)}{(2)}$  . IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A VESTED ALLOWANCE UNDER § 29–303 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND
- $\frac{(4)}{(3)}$  HAS NOT ELECTED TO RECEIVE A BENEFIT UNDER  $\S$  29–303 OF THIS SUBTITLE.
- (B) NOTWITHSTANDING § 29–303 OF THIS SUBTITLE, AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION MAY ELECT A LUMP–SUM PAYMENT EQUAL TO THE PRESENT VALUE OF THE VESTED ALLOWANCE IF:
  - (1) THE VESTED ALLOWANCE IS LESS THAN \$50 A MONTH;
- (2) <u>(I)</u> THE INDIVIDUAL <u>IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM AND HAS TERMINATED ANY EMPLOYMENT WITH A PARTICIPATING EMPLOYER FOR THE STATE; OR</u>
- PROGRAM AND HAS TERMINATED EMPLOYMENT WITH THE STATE AN EMPLOYING INSTITUTION AS DEFINED IN § 30–101(E) OF THIS ARTICLE; AND
- (3) THE INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS A LUMP-SUM PAYMENT OF THE VESTED ALLOWANCE ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE STATE RETIREMENT AGENCY. 30–307.
- (d) (1) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A PARTICIPATING EMPLOYEE WHOSE LAST EMPLOYER PRIOR TO JOINING THE PROGRAM WAS A PARTICIPATING EMPLOYER THAT DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE EMPLOYER PICK-UP PROGRAM AS DEFINED IN § 414(H)(2) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.
- (2) A participating employee may withdraw any accumulated contributions in the annuity savings fund on or after the effective date of the participating employee's election to join the program.