

1. THE MEMBER'S ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS; AND
2. AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE MEMBER'S ANNUAL SALARY AT THE TIME OF DEATH.

(II) IF A MEMBER HAS DESIGNATED MORE THAN ONE BENEFICIARY, THE LUMP-SUM DEATH BENEFIT PROVIDED IN ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE DIVIDED EQUALLY AMONG THE BENEFICIARIES.

(b) On the death of a former member or retiree, the Board of Trustees shall pay to the surviving spouse, when the surviving spouse is at least 50 years old, 50% of the retirement allowance that would be payable were the former member or retiree alive and eligible to receive a retirement allowance.

(c) (1) This subsection applies to a member, former member, or retiree who at the time of death:

- (i) does not have a spouse; and
- (ii) has a child under the age of 18 years.

(2) Until each child reaches the age of 18 years, the Board of Trustees shall pay to the surviving children of the member, former member, or retiree who are under the age of 18 years the retirement allowance that would have been paid to a surviving spouse under subsection (a) or (b) of this section.

(3) If the Board of Trustees pays an allowance to more than one child, the Board of Trustees shall divide the allowance equally among the children who are under the age of 18 years.

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(a) If a member's service is terminated by death and the member leaves no [spouse or] SPOUSE, child under the age of 18 years, OR DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY OR BENEFICIARIES, the member's accumulated contributions shall be paid to the member's estate.

(b) (1) At the time of termination of service, or within 6 months thereafter, but before receiving payment of a retirement allowance, a former member may elect to withdraw in a single payment the former member's accumulated contributions from the dates of payment.

(2) If the former member elects to withdraw the accumulated contributions, the former member has no further rights under the Judges' Retirement System.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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