

1 AN ACT relating to the Judicial Retirement Plan.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 21.345 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) For the purposes of KRS 21.350 to 21.510, "retirement" means a voluntary  
5 resignation or a failure of reelection, but does not include a removal for cause.
- 6 (2) The word "service" as used in KRS 21.370 to 21.480 means service transferred  
7 from the Kentucky Retirement Systems pursuant to KRS 21.370(2), service as a city  
8 police judge purchased pursuant to KRS 21.370(3), and service as a Justice of the  
9 Supreme Court, as a Judge of the Court of Appeals created by Section 111 of the  
10 Constitution of Kentucky, as a regular Circuit Judge, or as a regular Judge of the  
11 District Court, including service in one (1) and then another of those capacities. It  
12 also includes *any service*~~[service]~~ as a special Circuit Judge *by an active sitting*  
13 *regular Judge of the District Court who is temporarily assigned by the Chief*  
14 *Justice of the Supreme Court pursuant to Section 110 of the Kentucky*  
15 *Constitution for a period exceeding three (3) consecutive months*~~[under the~~  
16 ~~conditions described in subsection (3) of this section, as a Judge or commissioner of~~  
17 ~~the former Court of Appeals, or as director of the Administrative Office of the~~  
18 ~~Courts, prior to January 1, 1976, and service continuing beyond that date, in any~~  
19 ~~capacity in or for the Court of Justice, by any person who held the office of~~  
20 ~~commissioner of the former Court of Appeals, or director of the Administrative~~  
21 ~~Office of the Courts, on December 31, 1975].~~ The word "service" embraces only  
22 service performed while a member of the retirement system established by KRS  
23 21.350 to 21.510, except that service in any of the positions mentioned, before the  
24 Judicial Retirement System was made applicable to that category of position, and  
25 service transferred from the Kentucky Retirement Systems pursuant to KRS  
26 21.370(2), shall be included.
- 27 (3) For the purposes of KRS 21.345 to 21.510, a "year" of service means a total of

1 twelve (12) months of service, which need not be in the same calendar year. Service  
2 for any part of the calendar month in which the member's term of service begins or  
3 ends shall be deemed to constitute a month of service.

4 (4) The term "accumulated employer credit" as used in KRS 21.345 to 21.580 means  
5 the employer pay credit deposited to the member's account and interest credited on  
6 such amounts as provided by KRS 21.402.

7 (5) The term "accumulated contributions" as used in KRS 21.345 to 21.580, means:

8 (a) For a member who began participating in the Judicial Retirement Plan prior to  
9 January 1, 2014, the contributions made by the member to the Judicial  
10 Retirement Plan; and

11 (b) For a member who begins participating in the Judicial Retirement Plan on or  
12 after January 1, 2014, in the hybrid cash balance plan, the contributions made  
13 by the member to the Judicial Retirement Plan and interest credited on such  
14 amounts as provided by KRS 21.402.

15 (6) The term "accumulated account balance" as used in KRS 21.345 to 21.580 means:

16 (a) For members who began participating in the Judicial Retirement Plan prior to  
17 January 1, 2014, the member's accumulated contributions; or

18 (b) For members who begin participating in the Judicial Retirement Plan on or  
19 after January 1, 2014, in the hybrid cash balance plan as provided by KRS  
20 21.402, the combined sum of the member's accumulated contributions and the  
21 member's accumulated employer credit.

22 (7) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any director of the Administrative  
23 Office of the Courts appointed after January 1, 1976, nor shall they apply to any  
24 commissioner of the Court of Appeals not appointed prior to January 1, 1976. The  
25 administrative director of the courts and commissioners of the Court of Appeals  
26 appointed prior to January 1, 1976, shall continue to be members of the system so  
27 long as they continue to render service in any capacity in or for the Court of Justice.