### SECOND REGULAR SESSION

## **HOUSE BILL NO. 1999**

## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## **AN ACT**

To repeal sections 104.020, 104.035, 104.130, 104.170, 104.200, 104.312, 104.410, 104.436, 104.490, 104.515, 104.625, 104.810, 104.1003, 104.1015, 104.1018, 104.1024, 104.1051, 104.1060, 104.1066, 104.1072, 104.1084, 104.1091, and 476.521, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty-two new sections relating to retirement systems.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 104.020, 104.035, 104.130, 104.170, 104.200, 104.312, 104.410,

- 2 104.436, 104.490, 104.515, 104.625, 104.810, 104.1003, 104.1015, 104.1018, 104.1024,
- 3 104.1051, 104.1060, 104.1066, 104.1072, 104.1084, 104.1091, and 476.521, RSMo, are repealed
- 4 and twenty-two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 104.020, 104.035,
- 5 104.170, 104.200, 104.312, 104.410, 104.436, 104.490, 104.515, 104.625, 104.810, 104.1003,
- 6 104.1015, 104.1018, 104.1024, 104.1051, 104.1060, 104.1066, 104.1072, 104.1084, 104.1091,
- 7 and 476.521, to read as follows:

104.020. There is hereby created the "Missouri Department of Transportation and

- 2 Highway Patrol Employees' Retirement System", which shall be a body corporate and an
- 3 instrumentality of the state. In such system shall be vested the powers and duties specified in
- 4 sections 104.010 to [104.270] 104.312 and such other powers as may be necessary or proper to
- 5 enable it, its officers, employees, and agents to carry out fully and effectively all the purposes of
- 6 sections 104.010 to [<del>104.270</del>] **104.312**.

104.035. 1. Any member whose employment terminated prior to August 13, 1976, and

- 2 who had served twenty years or more as an employee shall be entitled to a deferred normal
- 3 annuity based on his creditable service, average compensation, and the act in effect at the time
- 4 his employment was terminated.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

2. Any member whose employment terminates on or after August 13, 1976, and prior to June 1, 1981, and who had served fifteen or more years' creditable service as an employee or had served ten or more years of creditable service as an employee and was at least thirty-five years of age at the date of termination of employment shall be entitled to a deferred normal annuity based on his creditable service, average compensation, and the act in effect at the time his employment was terminated.

- 3. Any member whose employment terminates on or after June 1, 1981, and who has ten or more years of creditable service at the date of termination of employment shall be entitled to a deferred normal annuity based on the member's creditable service, average compensation and the act in effect at the time the member's employment is terminated.
- 4. Any member entitled to a deferred normal annuity as provided in subsection 1, 2, 3 or 5 of this section who reenters the service of a department and again becomes a member of the system [and thereafter serves for one continuous year] shall have his prior period of service restored, so that benefits determined by reason of his retirement or subsequent withdrawal from service will include the sum of all periods of creditable service, and his annuity shall be based on his creditable service, average compensation, and the act in effect at the time of his retirement or subsequent withdrawal from service.
- 5. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any member of the transportation department and highway patrol retirement system whose employment terminated on or after September 28, 1992, who has five or more years of vesting service as an employee at the date of termination of employment shall be entitled to a deferred normal annuity based on the member's creditable service, average compensation, and the act in effect at the time the member's employment was terminated.
- 104.170. 1. The board shall elect [by secret ballot] one member as chair and one member as vice chair at the first board meeting of each year. The chair may not serve more than two consecutive terms beginning after August 13, 1988. The chair shall preside over meetings of the board and perform such other duties as may be required by action of the board. The vice chair shall perform the duties of the chair in the absence of the latter or upon the chair's inability or refusal to act.
- 2. The board shall appoint a full-time executive director, who shall not be compensated for any other duties under the state highways and transportation commission. The executive director shall have charge of the offices and records and shall hire such employees that the executive director deems necessary subject to the direction of the board. The executive director and all other employees of the system shall be members of the system and the board shall make contributions to provide the insurance benefits available pursuant to section 104.270 on the same basis as provided for other state employees pursuant to the provisions of section 104.515, and

also shall make contributions to provide the retirement benefits on the same basis as provided for other employees pursuant to the provisions of sections 104.090 to 104.260. The executive director is authorized to execute all documents including contracts necessary to carry out any and

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3. Any summons or other writ issued by the courts of the state shall be served upon the executive director or, in the executive director's absence, on the assistant director.

104.200. Should any error in any records result in any [member's] member or [beneficiary's] beneficiary receiving more or less than he or she would have been entitled to receive had the records been correct, the board shall correct such error, and, as far as practicable, make future payments in such a manner that the actuarial equivalent of the benefit to which such member or beneficiary was entitled shall be paid, and to this end may recover any overpayments. In all cases in which such error has been made, no such error shall be corrected unless the system discovers or is notified of such error within ten years after the member's annuity starting date or the [mitial] date of error, whichever occurs later. In cases of fraud, any error discovered shall be corrected without concern to the amount of time that has passed.

- 104.312. 1. The provisions of subsection 2 of section 104.250, subsection 2 of section 104.540, subsection 2 of section 287.820, and section 476.688 to the contrary notwithstanding, any pension, annuity, benefit, right, or retirement allowance provided pursuant to this chapter, chapter 287, or chapter 476 is marital property and after August 28, 1994, a court of competent jurisdiction may divide the pension, annuity, benefits, rights, and retirement allowance provided pursuant to this chapter, chapter 287, or chapter 476 between the parties to any action for dissolution of marriage. A division of benefits order issued pursuant to this section:
- (1) Shall not require the applicable retirement system to provide any form or type of annuity or retirement plan not selected by the member and not normally made available by that system;
- (2) Shall not require the applicable retirement system to commence payments until the member submits a valid application for an annuity and the annuity becomes payable in accordance with the application;
- (3) Shall identify the monthly amount to be paid to the alternate payee, which shall be expressed as a percentage and which shall not exceed fifty percent of the amount of the member's annuity accrued during all or part of the time while the member and alternate payee were married, excluding service accrued under section 104.601; and which shall be based on the member's vested annuity on the date of the dissolution of marriage or an earlier date as specified in the order, which amount shall be adjusted proportionately if the member's annuity is reduced due to early retirement or the member's annuity is reduced pursuant to section 104.395 under an annuity option in which the member named the alternate payee as beneficiary prior to the

dissolution of marriage or pursuant to section 104.090 under an annuity option in which the member on or after August 28, 2007, named the alternative payee as beneficiary prior to the dissolution of marriage, and the percentage established shall be applied to the pro rata portion of any lump sum distribution pursuant to subsection 6 of section 104.335, accrued during the time while the member and alternate payee were married;

- (4) Shall not require the payment of an annuity amount to the member and alternate payee which in total exceeds the amount which the member would have received without regard to the order;
- (5) Shall provide that any benefit formula increases, additional years of service, increased average compensation or other type of increases accrued after the date of the dissolution of marriage shall accrue solely to the benefit of the member; except that on or after September 1, 2001, any annual benefit increase **paid after the member's annuity starting date** shall not be considered to be an increase accrued after the date of termination of marriage and shall be part of the monthly amount subject to division pursuant to any order issued after September 1, 2001;
- 37 (6) Shall terminate upon the death of either the member or the alternate payee, whichever 38 occurs first;
  - (7) Shall not create an interest which is assignable or subject to any legal process;
  - (8) Shall include the name, address, and date of birth of both the member and the alternate payee, and the identity of the retirement system to which it applies;
  - (9) Shall be consistent with any other division of benefits orders which are applicable to the same member;
  - (10) Shall not require the applicable retirement system to continue payments to the alternate payee if the member's retirement benefit is suspended or waived as provided by this chapter but such payments shall resume when the retiree begins to receive retirement benefits in the future.
  - 2. A system established by this chapter shall provide the court having jurisdiction of a dissolution of marriage proceeding or the parties to the proceeding with information necessary to issue a division of benefits order concerning a member of the system, upon written request from either the court, the member or the member's spouse, which cites this section and identifies the case number and parties.
  - 3. A system established by this chapter shall have the discretionary authority to reject a division of benefits order for the following reasons:
    - (1) The order does not clearly state the rights of the member and the alternate payee;
    - (2) The order is inconsistent with any law governing the retirement system.

4. The amount paid to an alternate payee under an order issued pursuant to this section shall be based on the plan the member was in on the date of the dissolution of marriage; except that any annual benefit increases subject to division shall be based on the actual annual benefit increases received after the retirement plan election.

# 5. The lump sum payment described in section 104.625 shall not be subject to any division of benefits order.

104.410. 1. Any uniformed member of the water patrol who shall be affirmatively found by the board to be wholly and permanently incapable of holding any position of gainful employment as a result of injuries or illness incurred in the performance of the member's duties shall be entitled to receive disability benefits in an amount equal to one-half of the compensation that the employee was receiving at the time of the occurrence of the injury entitling the employee to such disability benefits. Any disability benefit payable pursuant to this subsection shall be decreased by any amount paid to such uniformed member of the water patrol by reason of the workers' compensation laws of this state. After termination of payment under workers' compensation, however, any such reduction and disability benefits shall be restored.

- 2. The board of trustees may require a medical examination of any uniformed member of the water patrol who is receiving disability benefits pursuant to this section at any time by a designated physician, and disability benefits shall be discontinued if the board finds that such member is able to perform the duties of the member's former position, or if such member refuses to submit to such an examination.
- 3. The disability benefits described in this section shall not be paid to any uniformed member of the water patrol who has retained or regained more than fifty percent of the member's earning capacity. If any uniformed member of the water patrol who has been receiving disability benefits again becomes an employee, the member's disability benefits shall be discontinued, the member's prior period of creditable service shall be restored, and any subsequent determination of benefits due the member or the member's survivors shall be based on the sum of the member's creditable service accrued to the date the member's disability benefits commenced and the period of creditable service after the member's return to employment.
- 4. Any uniformed member of the water patrol receiving benefits pursuant to the provisions of this section for five or more years immediately prior to attainment of age fifty-five shall be considered a normal retirant at age fifty-five, and may elect, within thirty days preceding the attainment of age fifty-five, option 1 of section 104.395, but only for the member's spouse who was the member's spouse for two or more years prior to the member's attainment of age fifty-five.
- 5. Any member who is receiving disability benefits as of December 31, 1985, or any member who is disabled on December 31, 1985, and would have been entitled to receive

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disability benefits pursuant to this section as the provisions of this section existed immediately prior to September 28, 1985, shall be eligible to receive or shall continue to receive benefits in accordance with such prior provisions of this section until the member again becomes an employee; however, all employees of the department of conservation who are disabled shall receive benefits pursuant only to this section or section 104.518, whichever is applicable, and shall not be eligible for benefits under any other plan or program purchased or provided after September 28, 1985.

- 6. Any member who qualifies for disability benefits pursuant to subsection 1 of this section or pursuant to the provisions of section 104.518, or under a long-term disability program provided by the member's employing department as a consequence of employment by the department, shall continue to accrue creditable service based on the member's rate of pay immediately prior to the date the member became disabled in accordance with sections 104.370, 104.371, 104.374 and 104.615, until the date the member's retirement benefit goes into pay status, the disability benefits cease being paid to the member, or the member is no longer disabled, whichever comes first. Persons covered by the provisions of sections 476.515 to 476.565 or sections 287.812 to 287.855, who qualify for disability benefits pursuant to the provisions of section 104.518, at the date the person becomes disabled, shall continue to accrue creditable service based on the person's rate of pay immediately prior to the date the person becomes disabled until the date the person's retirement benefit goes into pay status, the disability benefits cease being paid to the person or the person is no longer disabled, whichever comes first. Members or persons continuing to accrue creditable service pursuant to this subsection shall be entitled to continue their life insurance coverage subject to the provisions of the life insurance plan administered by the board pursuant to section 104.517. The rate of pay for purposes of calculating retirement benefits for a member or person described in this subsection who becomes disabled and retires on or after August 28, 1999, shall be the member's or person's regular monthly compensation received at the time of disablement, increased thereafter for any increases in the consumer price index. Such increases in the member's monthly pay shall be made annually beginning twelve months after disablement and shall be equal to eighty percent of the increase in the consumer price index during the calendar year prior to the adjustment, but not more than five percent of the member's monthly pay immediately before the increase. Such accruals shall continue until the earliest of: receipt of an early retirement annuity, attainment of normal retirement eligibility or termination of disability benefits.
- 7. A member or person who continues to be disabled as provided in subsection 6 of this section until the member's normal retirement age shall be eligible to retire on the first day of the month next following the member's or person's final payment pursuant to section 104.518 or, if applicable, subsection 1 of this section. A member or person who retires pursuant to this

subsection shall receive the greater of the normal annuity or the minimum annuity, if applicable, determined pursuant to sections 104.370, 104.371, 104.374 and 104.615, and section 287.820, and section 476.530 as if the member or person had continued in the active employ of the employer until the member's or person's retirement benefit goes into pay status, the disability benefits cease being paid to the member or person, or the member or person is no longer disabled, whichever comes first and the member's or person's compensation for such period had been the member's or person's rate of pay immediately preceding the date the member or person became disabled.

- 8. If a member who has been disabled becomes an employee again and if the member was disabled during the entire period of the member's absence, then the member shall resume active participation as of the date of reemployment. Such a member shall receive creditable service for the entire period the member was disabled as provided in subsection 6 of this section.
- 9. If a member ceases to be disabled and if the member does not return to work as provided in subsection 8 of this section, the member's rights to further benefits shall be determined in accordance with sections 104.335, 104.380, 104.400, 104.420 and 104.615 as though the member had withdrawn from service as of the date the member ceased to be disabled, as determined by the system.
- 10. Members of the general assembly who are accruing service under subsection 6 of this section shall continue to accrue service until the earliest of attainment of normal retirement age eligibility, termination of disability benefits, or the end of the member's constitutionally mandated limit on service as a member of the general assembly for the chamber in which the member was serving at the time of disablement.
- 11. Statewide elected officials who are accruing service under subsection 6 of this section shall continue to accrue service until the earliest of attainment of normal retirement age eligibility, termination of disability benefits, or the end of the statewide elected official's constitutionally mandated limit on service as a statewide elected official for the office in which the statewide elected official was serving at the time of disablement.
- 104.436. 1. The board intends to follow a financing pattern which computes and requires contribution amounts which, expressed as percents of active member payroll, will remain approximately level from year to year and from one generation of citizens to the next generation. Such contribution determinations require regular actuarial valuations, which shall be made by the board's actuary, using assumptions and methods adopted by the board after consulting with its actuary. The entry age normal cost valuation method shall be used in determining the normal cost calculation [, and contributions for unfunded accrued liabilities shall be determined using level percent-of-payroll amortization].

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9 2. At least ninety days before each regular session of the general assembly, the board 10 shall certify to the division of budget the contribution rate necessary to cover the liabilities of the 11 plan administered by the system, including costs of administration, expected to accrue during the 12 next appropriation period. The commissioner of administration shall request appropriation of the amount calculated pursuant to the provisions of this subsection. Following each pay period, 13 the commissioner of administration shall requisition and certify the payment to the executive 15 director of the Missouri state employees' retirement system. The executive director shall 16 promptly deposit the amounts certified to the credit of the Missouri state employees' retirement 17 fund.

- 3. The employers of members of the system who are not paid out of funds that have been deposited in the state treasury shall remit promptly to the executive director an amount equal to the amount which the state would have paid if those members had been paid entirely from state funds. The executive director shall promptly deposit the amounts certified to the credit of the Missouri state employees' retirement system fund.
- 4. These amounts are funds of the system, and shall not be commingled with any funds in the state treasury.

104.490. 1. Should any error result in any member or beneficiary receiving more or less than he or she would have been entitled to receive had the error not occurred, the board shall correct such error, and, as far as practicable, make future payments in such a manner that the actuarial equivalent of the benefit to which such member or beneficiary was entitled shall be paid, and to this end may recover any overpayments. In all cases in which such error has been made, no such error shall be corrected unless the system discovers or is notified of such error within ten years after the member's annuity starting date or the [initial] date of error, whichever occurs later. In cases of fraud, any error discovered shall be corrected without concern to the amount of time that has passed.

- 2. A person who knowingly makes a false statement, or falsifies or permits to be falsified a record of the system, in an attempt to defraud the system is subject to fine or imprisonment pursuant to the Missouri revised statutes.
- 3. The board of trustees of the Missouri state employees' retirement system shall cease paying benefits to any survivor or beneficiary who is charged with the intentional killing of a member without legal excuse or justification. A survivor or beneficiary who is convicted of such charge shall no longer be entitled to receive benefits. If the survivor or beneficiary is not convicted of such charge, the board shall resume payment of benefits and shall pay the survivor or beneficiary any benefits that were suspended pending resolution of such charge.
- 104.515. 1. Separate accounts for medical, life insurance and disability benefits provided pursuant to sections 104.517 and 104.518 shall be established as part of the fund. The

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funds, property and return on investments of the separate account shall not be commingled with any other funds, property and investment return of the system. All benefits and premiums are paid solely from the separate account for medical, life insurance and disability benefits provided pursuant to this section.

- 2. The state shall contribute an amount as appropriated by law and approved by the governor per month for medical benefits, life insurance and long-term disability benefits as provided pursuant to this section and sections 104.517 and 104.518. Such amounts shall include the cost of providing life insurance benefits for each active employee who is a member of the Missouri state employees' retirement system, a member of the public school retirement system and who is employed by a state agency other than an institution of higher learning, a member of the retirement system established by sections 287.812 to 287.855, the judicial retirement system, each legislator and official holding an elective state office, members not on payroll status who are receiving workers' compensation benefits, and if the state highways and transportation commission so elects, those employees who are members of the state transportation department employees' and highway patrol retirement system; if the state highways and transportation commission so elects to join the plan, the state shall contribute an amount as appropriated by law for medical benefits for those employees who are members of the transportation department employees' and highway patrol retirement system; an additional amount equal to the amount required, based on competitive bidding or determined actuarially, to fund the retired members' death benefit or life insurance benefit, or both, provided in subsection 4 of this section and the disability benefits provided in section 104.518. This amount shall be reported as a separate item in the monthly certification of required contributions which the commissioner of administration submits to the state treasurer and shall be deposited to the separate account for medical, life insurance and disability benefits. All contributions made on behalf of members of the state transportation department employees' and highway patrol retirement system shall be made from If the highways and transportation commission so elects, the spouses and highway funds. unemancipated children under twenty-three years of age of employees who are members of the state transportation department employees' and highway patrol retirement system shall be able to participate in the program of insurance benefits to cover medical expenses pursuant to the provisions of subsection 3 of this section.
- 3. The board shall determine the premium amounts required for participating employees. The premium amounts shall be the amount, which, together with the state's contribution, is required to fund the benefits provided, taking into account necessary actuarial reserves. Separate premiums shall be established for employees' benefits and a separate premium or schedule of premiums shall be established for benefits for spouses and unemancipated children under twenty-three years of age of participating employees. The employee's premiums for spouse and

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children benefits shall be established to cover that portion of the cost of such benefits which is not paid for by contributions by the state. All such premium amounts shall be paid to the board of trustees at the time that each employee's wages or salary would normally be paid. The premium amounts so remitted will be placed in the separate account for medical, life insurance and disability benefits. In lieu of the availability of premium deductions, the board may establish alternative methods for the collection of premium amounts.

- 4. Each special consultant eligible for life benefits employed by a board of trustees of a retirement system as provided in section 104.610 who is a member of the Missouri state life insurance plan or Missouri state transportation department and Missouri state highway patrol life insurance plan shall, in addition to duties prescribed in section 104.610 or any other law, and upon request of the board of trustees, give the board, orally or in writing, a short detailed statement on life insurance and death benefit problems affecting retirees. As compensation for the extra duty imposed by this subsection, any special consultant as defined above, other than a special consultant entitled to a deferred normal annuity pursuant to section 104.035 or 104.335, who retires on or after September 28, 1985, shall receive as a part of compensation for these extra duties, a death benefit of five thousand dollars, and any special consultant who terminates employment on or after August 28, 1999, after reaching normal or early retirement age and becomes a retiree within [sixty] sixty-five days of such termination shall receive five thousand dollars of life insurance coverage. In addition, each special consultant who is a member of the transportation department employees' and highway patrol retirement system medical insurance plan shall also provide the board, upon request of the board, orally or in writing, a short detailed statement on physical, medical and health problems affecting retirees. As compensation for this extra duty, each special consultant as defined above shall receive, in addition to all other compensation provided by law, nine dollars, or an amount equivalent to that provided to other special consultants pursuant to the provisions of section 103.115. In addition, any special consultant as defined in section 287.820 or section 476.601 who terminates employment and immediately retires on or after August 28, 1995, shall receive as a part of compensation for these duties, a death benefit of five thousand dollars and any special consultant who terminates employment on or after August 28, 1999, after reaching the age of eligibility to receive retirement benefits and becomes a retiree within [sixty] sixty-five days of such termination shall receive five thousand dollars of life insurance coverage.
- 5. Any former employee who is receiving disability income benefits from the Missouri state employees' retirement system or the transportation department employees' and highway patrol retirement system shall, upon application with the board of trustees of the Missouri consolidated health care plan or the transportation department employees and highway patrol medical plan, be made, constituted, appointed and employed by the respective board as a special

consultant on the problems of the health of disability income recipients and, upon request of the board of trustees of each medical plan, give the board, orally or in writing, a short detailed statement of physical, medical and health problems affecting disability income recipients. compensation for the extra duty imposed by this subsection, each such special consultant as defined in this subsection may receive, in addition to all other compensation provided by law, an amount contributed toward medical benefits coverage provided by the Missouri consolidated health care plan or the transportation employees and highway patrol medical plan pursuant to appropriations.

104.625. Effective July 1, 2002, any member retiring pursuant to the provisions of sections 104.010 to 104.801, except an elected official or a member of the general assembly, who has not been paid retirement benefits and continues employment for at least two years beyond normal retirement age, may elect to receive an annuity and lump sum payment or payments, determined as follows:

- (1) A retroactive starting date shall be established which shall be a date selected by the member; provided, however, that the retroactive starting date selected by the member shall not be a date which is earlier than the date when a normal annuity would have first been payable. In addition, the retroactive starting date shall not be more than five years prior to the annuity starting date, which shall be the first day of the month with respect to which an amount is paid as an annuity pursuant to this section. The member's selection of a retroactive starting date shall be done in twelve-month increments, except this restriction shall not apply when the member selects the total available time between the retroactive starting date and the annuity starting date;
- (2) The prospective annuity payable as of the annuity starting date shall be determined pursuant to the provisions otherwise applicable under the law, with the exception that it shall be the amount which would have been payable had the member actually retired on the retroactive starting date under the retirement plan selected by the member. Other than for the lump sum payment or payments specified in subdivision (3) of this section, no other amount shall be due for the period between the retroactive starting date and the annuity starting date;
- (3) The lump sum payable shall be ninety percent of the annuity amounts which would have been paid to the member from the retroactive starting date to the annuity starting date had the member actually retired on the retroactive starting date and received a normal annuity. The member shall [elect to] receive the lump sum amount [either] in its entirety at the same time as the initial annuity payment is made [or in three equal annual installments with the first payment made at the same time as the initial annuity payment]; and
- (4) [Any annuity payable pursuant to this section that is subject to a division of benefit order pursuant to section 104.312 shall be calculated as follows:

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28 (a) Any service of a member between the retroactive starting date and the annuity 29 starting date shall not be considered creditable service except for purposes of calculating the 30 division of benefit; and

(b) The lump sum payment described in subdivision (3) of this section shall not be subject to any division of benefit order; and

(5) For purposes of determining annual benefit increases payable as part of the lump sum and annuity provided pursuant to this section, the retroactive starting date shall be considered the member's date of retirement.

104.810. 1. Employees of the Missouri state water patrol who are earning creditable service in the closed plan of the Missouri state employees' retirement system and who are transferred to the division of water patrol with the Missouri state highway patrol shall elect within ninety days of January 1, 2011, to either remain a member of the Missouri state employees' retirement system or transfer membership and creditable service to the closed plan 6 of the Missouri department of transportation and highway patrol employees' retirement system. The election shall be made in writing after the employee has received a detailed analysis comparing retirement, life insurance, disability benefits, and medical benefits of a member of the Missouri state employees' retirement system with the corresponding benefits provided an employee of the highway patrol covered by the closed plan of the Missouri department of 10 11 transportation and highway patrol employees' retirement system. In electing plan membership 12 the employee shall acknowledge and agree that an election made under this subsection is 13 irrevocable, and constitutes a waiver to receive retirement, life insurance, disability benefits, and 14 medical benefits except as provided by the system elected by the employee. Furthermore, in 15 connection with the election, the employee shall be required to acknowledge that the benefits 16 provided by virtue of membership in either system, and any associated costs to the employee, 17 may be different now or in the future as a result of the election and that the employee agrees to 18 hold both systems harmless with regard to benefit differences resulting from the election. If an 19 employee terminates employment and later returns to the same position, the employee shall 20 be a member of the system in which he or she was a member prior to termination. If the employee returns to any other job, the employee shall be a member of the system that 22 currently covers that position.

2. Employees of the Missouri state water patrol who are earning credited service in the year 2000 plan of the Missouri state employees' retirement system and who are transferred to the division of water patrol with the Missouri state highway patrol shall elect within ninety days of January 1, 2011, to either remain a member of the Missouri state employees' retirement system or transfer membership and creditable service to the year 2000 plan of the Missouri department of transportation and highway patrol employees' retirement system. The election shall be made

in writing after the employee has received a detailed analysis comparing retirement, life insurance, disability benefits, and medical benefits of a member of the Missouri state employees' retirement system with the corresponding benefits provided an employee of the highway patrol covered by the year 2000 plan of the Missouri department of transportation and highway patrol employees' retirement system. In electing plan membership the employee shall acknowledge and agree that an election made under this subsection is irrevocable, and constitutes a waiver to receive retirement, life insurance, disability benefits, and medical benefits except as provided by the system elected by the employee. Furthermore, in connection with the election, the employee shall be required to acknowledge that the benefits provided by virtue of membership in either system, and any associated costs to the employee, may be different now or in the future as a result of the election and that the employee agrees to hold both systems harmless with regard to benefit differences resulting from the election.

- 3. The Missouri state employees' retirement system shall pay to the Missouri department of transportation and highway patrol employees' retirement system, by June 30, 2011, an amount actuarially determined to equal the liability at the time of the transfer for any employee who elects under subsection 1 or 2 of this section to transfer to the Missouri department of transportation and highway patrol employees' retirement system, to the extent that liability is funded as of the most recent actuarial valuation and based on the actuarial value of assets not to exceed one hundred percent.
- 4. In no event shall any employee receive service credit for the same period of service under more than one retirement system as a result of the provisions of this section.
- 5. The only medical coverage available for any employee who elects under subsection 1 or 2 of this section to transfer to the Missouri department of transportation and highway patrol employees' retirement system shall be the medical coverage provided in section 104.270. The effective date for commencement of medical coverage shall be July 1, 2011. However, this does not preclude medical coverage for the transferred employee as a dependent under any other health care plan.
- 6. Any employee who elects under subsection 1 or 2 of this section to transfer to the Missouri department of transportation and highway patrol employees' retirement system and who is also thereafter a uniformed member of the highway patrol shall be subject to the mandatory retirement age stated in section 104.081.
- 104.1003. 1. Unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, the following words and phrases as used in sections 104.1003 to 104.1093 shall mean:
  - (1) "Act", the year 2000 plan created by sections 104.1003 to 104.1093;

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4 (2) "Actuary", an actuary who is experienced in retirement plan financing and who is 5 either a member of the American Academy of Actuaries or an enrolled actuary under the 6 Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974;

- (3) "Annuity", annual benefit amounts, paid in equal monthly installments, from funds provided for in, or authorized by, sections 104.1003 to 104.1093;
- 9 (4) "Annuity starting date" means the first day of the first month with respect to which an amount is paid as an annuity pursuant to sections 104.1003 to 104.1093;
  - (5) "Beneficiary", any persons or entities entitled to receive an annuity or other benefit pursuant to sections 104.1003 to 104.1093 based upon the employment record of another person;
  - (6) "Board of trustees", "board", or "trustees", a governing body or bodies established for the year 2000 plan pursuant to sections 104.1003 to 104.1093;
  - (7) "Closed plan", a benefit plan created pursuant to this chapter and administered by a system prior to July 1, 2000. No person first employed on or after July 1, 2000, shall become a member of the closed plan, but the closed plan shall continue to function for the benefit of persons covered by and remaining in the closed plan and their beneficiaries;
  - (8) "Consumer price index", the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the United States, or its successor index, as approved by the board, as such index is defined and officially reported by the United States Department of Labor, or its successor agency;
  - (9) "Credited service", the total credited service to a member's credit as provided in sections 104.1003 to 104.1093; except that in no case shall more than one day of credited service be credited to any member or vested former member for any one calendar day of eligible credit as provided by law;
- 26 (10) "Department", any department or agency of the executive, legislative, or judicial 27 branch of the state of Missouri receiving state appropriations, including allocated funds from the 28 federal government but not including any body corporate or politic unless its employees are 29 eligible for retirement coverage from a system pursuant to this chapter as otherwise provided by 30 law;
- 31 (11) "Early retirement eligibility", a member's attainment of fifty-seven years of age and 32 the completion of at least five years of credited service;
  - (12) "Effective date", July 1, 2000;
  - (13) "Employee" shall be any person who is employed by a department and is paid a salary or wage by a department in a position normally requiring the performance of duties of not less than one thousand forty hours per year, provided:
  - (a) The term "employee" shall not include any patient or inmate of any state, charitable, penal or correctional institution, or any person who is employed by a department in a position that is covered by a state-sponsored defined benefit retirement plan not created by this chapter;

40 (b) The term "employee" shall be modified as provided by other provisions of sections 41 104.1003 to 104.1093;

- (c) The system shall consider a person who is employed in multiple positions simultaneously within a single agency to be working in a single position for purposes of determining whether the person is an employee as defined in this subdivision; **and**
- (d) [Beginning September 1, 2001, the term "year" as used in this subdivision shall mean the twelve-month period beginning on the first day of employment;
- - (14) "Employer", a department;
- 51 (15) "Executive director", the executive director employed by a board established 52 pursuant to the provisions of sections 104.1003 to 104.1093;
  - (16) "Final average pay", the average pay of a member for the thirty-six full consecutive months of service before termination of employment when the member's pay was greatest; or if the member was on workers' compensation leave of absence or a medical leave of absence due to an employee illness, the amount of pay the member would have received but for such leave of absence as reported and verified by the employing department; or if the member was employed for less than thirty-six months, the average monthly pay of a member during the period for which the member was employed. The board of each system may promulgate rules for purposes of calculating final average pay and other retirement provisions to accommodate for any state payroll system in which pay is received on a monthly, semimonthly, biweekly, or other basis;
- 63 (17) "Fund", a fund of the year 2000 plan established pursuant to sections 104.1003 to 64 104.1093:
- 65 (18) "Investment return", or "interest", rates as shall be determined and prescribed from 66 time to time by a board;
- 67 (19) "Member", a person who is included in the membership of the system, as set forth 68 in section 104.1009;
  - (20) "Normal retirement eligibility", a member's attainment of at least sixty-two years of age and the completion of at least five or more years of credited service or, the attainment of at least forty-eight years of age with a total of years of age and years of credited service which is at least eighty or, in the case of a member of the highway patrol who shall be subject to the mandatory retirement provisions of section 104.080, the mandatory retirement age and completion of five years of credited service or, the attainment of at least forty-eight years of age with a total of years of age and years of credited service which is at least eighty;

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- 77 (a) All salary and wages payable to an employee for personal services performed for a department; but excluding:
- a. Any amounts paid after an employee's employment is terminated, unless the payment is made as a final installment of salary or wages at the same rate as in effect immediately prior to termination of employment in accordance with a state payroll system adopted on or after January 1, 2000;
- b. Any amounts paid upon termination of employment for unused annual leave or unused sick leave;
  - c. Pay in excess of the limitations set forth in Section 401(a)(17) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended and other applicable federal laws or regulations;
    - d. Any nonrecurring single sum payments; and
- e. Any amounts for which contributions have not been made in accordance with section 104.1066;
  - (b) All salary and wages which would have been payable to an employee on workers' compensation leave of absence during the period the employee is receiving a weekly workers' compensation benefit, as reported and verified by the employing department;
  - (c) All salary and wages which would have been payable to an employee on a medical leave due to employee illness, as reported and verified by the employing department;
- 95 (d) For purposes of members of the general assembly, pay shall be the annual salary 96 provided to each senator and representative pursuant to section 21.140, plus any salary 97 adjustment pursuant to section 21.140;
- 98 (22) "Retiree", a person receiving an annuity from the year 2000 plan based upon the person's employment record;
  - (23) "State", the state of Missouri;
- 101 (24) "System" or "retirement system", the Missouri state employees' retirement system 102 or the Missouri department of transportation and highway patrol employees' retirement system, 103 as the case may be;
- 104 (25) "Vested former member", a person entitled to receive a deferred annuity pursuant 105 to section 104.1036;
  - (26) "Year 2000 plan", the benefit plan created by sections 104.1003 to 104.1093.
- 2. Benefits paid under the provisions of this chapter shall not exceed the limitations of Internal Revenue Code Section 415, the provisions of which are hereby incorporated by reference. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the board of trustees may establish a benefit plan under Section 415(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Such plan shall be created solely for the purposes described in Section 415(m)(3)(A) of the Internal

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112 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The board of trustees may promulgate regulations 113 necessary to implement the provisions of this subsection and to create and administer such 114 benefit plan.

104.1015. 1. Persons covered by a closed plan on July 1, 2000, shall elect whether or not to change to year 2000 plan coverage. Any such person who elects to be covered by the year 2000 plan shall forfeit all rights to receive benefits under this chapter except as provided under the year 2000 plan and all creditable service of such person under the closed plan shall be credited under the year 2000 plan. Any such person who elects not to be covered by the year 2000 plan shall waive all rights to receive benefits under the year 2000 plan. In no event shall any retroactive annuity be paid to such persons pursuant to sections 104.1003 to 104.1093 except as described in subsection 2 of this section. Any person who elects year 2000 plan coverage under subsection 3, 4, 5, or 6 of this section shall be in the closed plan until the person's annuity starting date.

- 2. Each retiree of the closed plan on July 1, 2000, shall be furnished by the appropriate system a written comparison of the retiree's closed plan coverage and the retiree's potential year 2000 plan coverage. A retiree shall elect whether or not to change to year 2000 plan coverage by making a written election, on a form furnished by the appropriate board, and providing that form to the system by no later than twelve months after July 1, 2000, and any retiree who fails to make such election within such time period shall be deemed to have elected to remain covered under the closed plan; provided the election must be after the retiree has received from the appropriate system such written comparison. The retirement option elected under the year 2000 plan shall be the same as the retirement option elected under the closed plan, except any retiree who is receiving one of the options providing for a continuing lifetime annuity to a surviving spouse under the closed plan may elect to receive an annuity under option 1 or 2 of section 104.1027, or a life annuity under subsection 2 of section 104.1024, provided the person who was married to the member at the time of retirement, if any, consents in writing to such election made pursuant to section 104.1024, or to any election described in this section if the person was married to a member of the Missouri state employees' retirement system. The effective date of payment of an annuity under the year 2000 plan as provided in this subsection shall begin on July 1, 2000. No adjustment shall be made to retirement benefits paid to the retiree prior to July 1, 2000. In order to calculate a new monthly annuity for retirees electing coverage under the year 2000 plan pursuant to this subsection, the following calculations shall be made:
- 30 Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the retiree's gross monthly retirement annuity in effect immediately prior to July 1, 2000, shall be multiplied by the 32 percentage increase in the life annuity formula between the closed plan and the year 2000 plan. This amount shall be added to the retiree's gross monthly retirement annuity in effect

immediately prior to July 1, 2000, to arrive at the retiree's new monthly retirement annuity in the year 2000 plan on July 1, 2000. The age of eligibility and reduction factors applicable to the retiree's original annuity under the closed plan shall remain the same in the annuity payable under the year 2000 plan, except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection;

- (2) If option 1 or 2 pursuant to section 104.1027 is chosen by the retiree under the year 2000 plan, the new monthly retirement annuity calculated pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be recalculated using the reduction factors for the option chosen pursuant to section 104.1027;
- (3) If a temporary annuity is payable pursuant to subsection 4 of section 104.1024 the additional temporary annuity shall be calculated by multiplying the retiree's credited service by the retiree's final average pay by eight-tenths of one percent;
- (4) Cost-of-living adjustments paid pursuant to section 104.1045 will commence on the anniversary of the retiree's annuity starting date coincident with or next following July 1, 2000;
- (5) Any retiree or other person described in this section who elects coverage under the year 2000 plan based on service rendered as a member of the general assembly or as a statewide elected official shall receive an annuity under the year 2000 plan calculated pursuant to the provisions of section 104.1084 using the current monthly pay at the time of the election with future COLAs calculated pursuant to subsection 7 of section 104.1084.
- 3. Each person who is an employee and covered by the closed plan and not a retiree of the closed plan on July 1, 2000, shall elect whether or not to change to year 2000 plan coverage prior to the last business day of the month before the person's annuity starting date, and if such election has not been made within such time, annuity payments due beginning on and after the month of the annuity starting date shall be made the month following the receipt by the appropriate system of such election and any other information required by the year 2000 plan created by sections 104.1003 to 104.1093; provided, such election must be after the person has received from the year 2000 plan a written comparison of the person's closed plan coverage and the person's potential year 2000 plan coverage and the election must be made in writing on a form furnished by the appropriate board. If such person dies after the annuity starting date but before making such election and providing such other information, no benefits shall be paid except as required pursuant to section 104.420 or subsection 2 of section 104.372 for members of the general assembly.
- 4. Each person who is not an employee and not a retiree and is eligible for a deferred annuity from the closed plan on July 1, 2000, shall elect whether or not to change to the year 2000 plan coverage prior to the last business day of the month before the person's annuity starting date, and if such election has not been made within such time, annuity payments due beginning on and after the month of the annuity starting date shall be made the month following

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70 the receipt by the appropriate system of such election and any other information required by the year 2000 plan created by sections 104.1003 to 104.1093; provided, the election must be after 72 the person has received from the year 2000 plan a written comparison of the person's closed plan 73 coverage and the person's potential year 2000 plan coverage and the election must be made in 74 writing on a form furnished by the appropriate board. If such person dies after the annuity starting date but before making such election and providing such other information, no benefits 75 76 shall be paid except as required pursuant to section 104.420 or subsection 2 of section 104.372 77 for members of the general assembly.

- 5. Each person who is not an employee and not a retiree and is eligible for a deferred annuity from the closed plan and returns to covered employment on or after July 1, 2000, shall be covered under the closed plan; provided, such person shall elect whether or not to change to the year 2000 plan coverage prior to the last business day of the month before the person's annuity starting date, and if such election has not been made within such time, annuity payments due beginning on and after the month of the annuity starting date shall be made the month following the receipt by the appropriate system of such election and any other information required by the year 2000 plan created by sections 104.1003 to 104.1093 and the election must be after the person has received from the year 2000 plan a written comparison of the person's closed plan coverage and the person's potential year 2000 plan coverage and the election must be made in writing on a form furnished by the appropriate board. If such person dies after the annuity starting date but before making such election and providing such other information, no benefits shall be paid except as required under section 104.420 or subsection 2 of section 104.372 for members of the general assembly.
- 6. Each person who is not an employee and not a retiree and not eligible for a deferred annuity from the closed plan or year 2000 plan but has forfeited creditable service with the closed plan or year 2000 plan and becomes an employee on or after August 28, [2002] 2020, shall be **subject to the provisions of section 104.1091** [changed to year 2000 plan coverage] and upon receiving credited service continuously for one year shall receive credited service for all such forfeited creditable service under the closed plan or year 2000 plan.
- 7. Each person who was employed as a member of the general assembly through December 31, 2000, covered under the closed plan, and has served at least two full biennial assemblies as defined in subdivision (25) of subsection 1 of section 104.010 but who is not eligible for a deferred annuity under the closed plan shall be eligible to receive benefits under the new plan pursuant to subdivision (5) of subsection 2 of this section upon meeting the age requirements under the new plan.
- 8. The retirees and persons described in subsections 2 and 4 of this section shall be eligible for benefits under those subsections pursuant to subsection 8 of section 104.610.

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9. A member may change a member's plan election made under this section at any time prior to the system mailing or electronically transferring the first annuity payment to such member.

- 104.1018. 1. When a member is no longer employed in a position covered by the system, membership in the system shall thereupon cease. If a member has five or more years of credited service upon such member's termination of membership, such member shall be a vested former member entitled to a deferred annuity pursuant to section 104.1036, except as otherwise provided in subsection 7 of section 104.1024. If a member has fewer than five years of credited service upon termination of membership, such former member's credited service shall be forfeited, provided that if such former member becomes reemployed in a position covered by the system, such former member shall again become a member of the system and the forfeited credited service shall be restored after receiving creditable service continuously for one year.
- 2. Upon a member becoming a retiree, membership shall cease and, except as otherwise provided in section 104.1039, the person shall not again become a member of the system.
  - 3. If a vested former member becomes reemployed in a position covered by the system before such vested former member's annuity starting date, membership shall be restored with the previous credited service and increased by such reemployment.
- 104.1024. 1. Any member who terminates employment may retire on or after attaining normal retirement eligibility by making application in written form and manner approved by the appropriate board. The written application shall set forth the annuity starting date which shall not be earlier than the first day of the second month following the month of the execution and filing of the member's application for retirement nor later than the first day of the fourth month following the month of the execution and filing of the member's application for retirement. The payment of the annuity shall be made the last working day of each month, providing all documentation required under section 104.1027 for the calculation and payment of the benefits is received by the board.
  - 2. A member's annuity shall be paid in the form of a life annuity, except as provided in section 104.1027, and shall be an amount for life equal to one and seven-tenths percent of the final average pay of the member multiplied by the member's years of credited service.
  - 3. The life annuity defined in subsection 2 of this section shall not be less than a monthly amount equal to fifteen dollars multiplied by the member's full years of credited service.
  - 4. If as of the annuity starting date of a member who has attained normal retirement eligibility the sum of the member's years of age and years of credited service equals eighty or more years and if the member's age is at least forty-eight years but less than sixty-two years, or, in the case of a member of the highway patrol who shall be subject to the mandatory retirement provision of section 104.080, the mandatory retirement age and completion of five years of

credited service, then in addition to the life annuity described in subsection 2 of this section, the member shall receive a temporary annuity equal to eight-tenths of one percent of the member's final average pay multiplied by the member's years of credited service. The temporary annuity and any cost-of-living adjustments attributable to the temporary annuity pursuant to section 104.1045 shall terminate at the end of the calendar month in which the earlier of the following events occurs: the member's death or the member's attainment of the earliest age of eligibility for reduced Social Security retirement benefits, but no later than age sixty-two.

- 5. The annuity described in subsection 2 of this section for any person who has credited service not covered by the federal Social Security Act, as provided in [sections 105.300 to 105.430] subdivision (1) of subsection 7 of section 104.342, shall be calculated as follows: the life annuity shall be an amount equal to two and five-tenths percent of the final average pay of the member multiplied by the number of years of service not covered by the federal Social Security Act in addition to one and seven-tenths percent of the final average pay of the member multiplied by the member's years of credited service covered by the federal Social Security Act.
- 6. Effective July 1, 2002, any member, except an elected official or a member of the general assembly, who has not been paid retirement benefits and continues employment for at least two years beyond the date of normal retirement eligibility, may elect to receive an annuity and lump sum payment or payments, determined as follows:
- (1) A retroactive starting date shall be established which shall be a date selected by the member; provided, however, that the retroactive starting date selected by the member shall not be a date which is earlier than the date when a normal annuity would have first been payable. In addition, the retroactive starting date shall not be more than five years prior to the annuity starting date. The member's selection of a retroactive starting date shall be done in twelve-month increments, except this restriction shall not apply when the member selects the total available time between the retroactive starting date and the annuity starting date;
- (2) The prospective annuity payable as of the annuity starting date shall be determined pursuant to the provisions of this section, with the exception that it shall be the amount which would have been payable at the annuity starting date had the member actually retired on the retroactive starting date under the retirement plan selected by the member. Other than for the lump sum payment or payments specified in subdivision (3) of this subsection, no other amount shall be due for the period between the retroactive starting date and the annuity starting date;
- (3) The lump sum payable shall be ninety percent of the annuity amounts which would have been paid to the member from the retroactive starting date to the annuity starting date had the member actually retired on the retroactive starting date and received a life annuity. The member shall [elect to] receive the lump sum amount [either] in its entirety at the same time as

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- (4) [Any annuity payable pursuant to this section that is subject to a division of benefit order pursuant to section 104.1051 shall be calculated as follows:
- 59 (a) Any service of a member between the retroactive starting date and the annuity 60 starting date shall not be considered credited service except for purposes of calculating the division of benefit; and
- 62 (b) The lump sum payment described in subdivision (3) of this section shall not be subject to any division of benefit order; and 63
  - (5) For purposes of determining annual benefit increases payable as part of the lump sum and annuity provided pursuant to this section, the retroactive starting date shall be considered the member's date of retirement.
- 67 7. Any vested former member who terminated employment after attaining normal 68 retirement eligibility shall be considered a member for the purposes of this section.
  - 104.1051. 1. Any annuity provided pursuant to the year 2000 plan is marital property and a court of competent jurisdiction may divide such annuity between the parties to any action for dissolution of marriage if at the time of the dissolution the member has at least five years of credited service pursuant to sections 104.1003 to 104.1093. A division of benefits order issued pursuant to this section:
  - (1) Shall not require the applicable retirement system to provide any form or type of annuity or retirement plan not selected by the member;
  - (2) Shall not require the applicable retirement system to commence payments until the member's annuity starting date;
  - (3) Shall identify the monthly amount to be paid to the former spouse, which shall be expressed as a percentage and which shall not exceed fifty percent of the amount of the member's annuity accrued during all or part of the period of the marriage of the member and former spouse, excluding service accrued under subsection 2 of section 104.1021, and which shall be based on the member's vested annuity on the date of the dissolution of marriage or an earlier date as specified in the order, which amount shall be adjusted proportionately upon the annuity starting date if the member's annuity is reduced due to the receipt of an early retirement annuity or the member's annuity is reduced pursuant to section 104.1027 under an annuity option in which the member named the alternate payee as beneficiary prior to the dissolution of marriage;
  - (4) Shall not require the payment of an annuity amount to the member and former spouse which in total exceeds the amount which the member would have received without regard to the order:

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- 25 (5) Shall provide that any annuity increases, additional years of credited service, 26 increased final average pay, increased pay pursuant to subsections 2 and 5 of section 104.1084, 27 or other type of increases accrued after the date of the dissolution of marriage and any temporary 28 annuity received pursuant to subsection 4 of section 104.1024 shall accrue solely to the benefit 29 of the member; except that on or after September 1, 2001, any cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) 29 due after the annuity starting date shall not be considered to be an increase accrued after the date 29 of termination of marriage and shall be part of the monthly amount subject to division pursuant 29 to any order issued after September 1, 2001;
- 30 (6) Shall terminate upon the death of either the member or the former spouse, whichever 31 occurs first;
  - (7) Shall not create an interest which is assignable or subject to any legal process;
- 33 (8) Shall include the name, address, and date of birth of both the member and the former 34 spouse, and the identity of the retirement system to which it applies;
- 35 (9) Shall be consistent with any other division of benefits orders which are applicable 36 to the same member;
  - (10) Shall not require the applicable retirement system to continue payments to the alternate payee if the member's retirement benefit is suspended or waived as provided by this chapter but such payments shall resume when the retiree begins to receive retirement benefits in the future.
  - 2. A system shall provide the court having jurisdiction of a dissolution of a marriage proceeding or the parties to the proceeding with information necessary to issue a division of benefits order concerning a member of the system, upon written request from either the court, the member, or the member's spouse, citing this section and identifying the case number and parties.
- 3. A system shall have the discretionary authority to reject a division of benefits order for the following reasons:
  - (1) The order does not clearly state the rights of the member and the former spouse;
  - (2) The order is inconsistent with any law governing the retirement system.
- 4. Any member of the closed plan who elected the year 2000 plan pursuant to section 104.1015 and then becomes divorced and subject to a division of benefits order shall have the division of benefits order calculated pursuant to the provisions of the year 2000 plan.
  - 5. The lump sum payment described in subsection 6 of section 104.1024 shall not be subject to any division of benefits order.
  - 104.1060. 1. Should any error result in any person receiving more or less than the person would have been entitled to receive had the error not occurred, the board shall correct such error, and, as far as practicable, make future payments in such a manner that the actuarial equivalent

of the annuity to which such person was entitled shall be paid, and to this end may recover any overpayments. In all cases in which such error has been made, no such error shall be corrected unless the system discovers or is notified of such error within ten years after the member's annuity starting date or the [initial] date of error, whichever occurs later. In cases of fraud, any error discovered shall be corrected without concern to the amount of time that has passed.

- 2. A person who knowingly makes a false statement, or falsifies or permits to be falsified a record of the system, in an attempt to defraud the system shall be subject to fine or imprisonment under the Missouri revised statutes.
- 3. A board shall not pay an annuity to any survivor or beneficiary who is charged with the intentional killing of a member, retiree or survivor without legal excuse or justification. A survivor or beneficiary who is convicted of such charge shall no longer be entitled to receive an annuity. If the survivor or beneficiary is not convicted of such charge, the board shall resume annuity payments and shall pay the survivor or beneficiary any annuity payments that were suspended pending resolution of such charge.
- 104.1066. 1. The year 2000 plan intends to follow a financing pattern which computes and requires contribution amounts which, expressed as percents of active member payroll, will remain approximately level from year to year and from one generation of citizens to the next generation. Such contribution determinations require regular actuarial valuations, which shall be made by the board's actuary, using assumptions and methods adopted by the board after consulting with its actuary. The entry age-normal cost valuation method shall be used in determining the normal cost calculation [, and contributions for unfunded accrued liabilities shall be determined using level percent-of-payroll amortization]. For purposes of this subsection and section 104.436, the actuary shall determine a single contribution rate applicable to both closed plan and year 2000 plan participants and, in determining such rate, make estimates of the probabilities of closed plan participants transferring to the year 2000 plan.
- 2. At least ninety days before each regular session of the general assembly, the board of the Missouri state employees' retirement system shall certify to the division of budget the contribution rate necessary to cover the liabilities of the year 2000 plan administered by such system, including costs of administration, expected to accrue during the next appropriation period. The commissioner of administration shall request appropriations based upon the contribution rate so certified. From appropriations so made, the commissioner of administration shall certify contribution amounts to the state treasurer who in turn shall immediately pay the contributions to the year 2000 plan.
- 3. The employers of members covered by the Missouri state employees' retirement system who are not paid out of funds that have been deposited in the state treasury shall remit

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22 following each pay period to the year 2000 plan an amount equal to the amount which the state 23 would have paid if those members had been paid entirely from state funds. Such employers shall 24 maintain payroll records for a minimum of five years and shall produce all such records as 25 requested by the system. The system is authorized to request from the state office of 26 administration an appropriation out of the annual budget of any such employer in the event such 27 records indicate that such employer has not contributed the amounts required by this section. 28 The office of administration shall request such appropriation which shall be equal to the amount 29 necessary to replace any shortfall in contributions as determined by the system. 30 appropriations so made, the commissioner of administration shall certify contribution amounts 31 to the state treasurer who in turn shall immediately pay such contributions to the year 2000 plan.

- 4. At least ninety days before each regular session of the general assembly, the board of the transportation department and highway patrol retirement system shall certify to the department of transportation and the department of public safety the contribution rate necessary to cover the liabilities of the year 2000 plan administered by such system, including costs of administration, expected to accrue during the next biennial or other appropriation period. Each department shall include in its budget and in its request for appropriations for personal service the sum so certified to it by such board, and shall present the same to the general assembly for allowance. The sums so certified and appropriated, when available, shall be immediately paid to the system and deposited in the highway and transportation employees' and highway patrol retirement and benefit fund.
- 5. These amounts are funds of the year 2000 plan and shall not be commingled with any funds in the state treasury.
- 104.1072. 1. Each board shall provide or contract, or both, for life insurance benefits for employees covered pursuant to the year 2000 plan as follows:
- 3 Employees shall be provided fifteen thousand dollars of life insurance until December 31, 2000. Effective January 1, 2001, the system shall provide or contract or both for 5 basic life insurance for employees covered under any retirement plan administered by the system pursuant to this chapter, persons covered by sections 287.812 to 287.856, for employees who are members of the judicial retirement system as provided in section 476.590, and, at the election of the state highways and transportation commission, employees who are members of the highways and transportation employees' and highway patrol retirement system, in the amount 10 equal to one times annual pay, subject to a minimum amount of fifteen thousand dollars. The 11 board shall establish by rule or contract the method for determining the annual rate of pay and 12 any other terms of such insurance as it deems necessary to implement the requirements pursuant 13 to this section. Annual rate of pay shall not include overtime or any other irregular payments as determined by the board. Such life insurance shall provide for triple indemnity in the event the

cause of death is a proximate result of a personal injury or disease arising out of and in the course of actual performance of duty as an employee;

- (2) Any member who terminates employment after reaching normal or early retirement eligibility and becomes a retiree within [sixty] sixty-five days of such termination shall receive five thousand dollars of life insurance coverage.
- 2. (1) In addition to the life insurance authorized by the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, any person for whom life insurance is provided or contracted for pursuant to such subsection may purchase, at the person's own expense and only if monthly voluntary payroll deductions are authorized, additional life insurance at a cost to be stipulated in a contract with a private insurance company or as may be required by a system if the board of trustees determines that the system should provide such insurance itself. The maximum amount of additional life insurance which may be so purchased prior to January 1, 2004, is that amount which equals six times the amount of the person's annual rate of pay, subject to any maximum established by a board, except that if such maximum amount is not evenly divisible by one thousand dollars, then the maximum amount of additional insurance which may be purchased is the next higher amount evenly divisible by one thousand dollars. The maximum amount of additional life insurance which may be so purchased on or after January 1, 2004, is an amount to be stipulated in a contract with a private insurance company or as may be required by the system if the board of trustees determines that the system should provide the insurance itself.
- (2) Any person defined in subdivision (1) of this subsection may retain an amount not to exceed sixty thousand dollars of life insurance following the date of his or her retirement if such person becomes a retiree the month following termination of employment and makes written application for such life insurance at the same time such person's application is made to the board for retirement benefits. Such life insurance shall only be provided if such person pays the entire cost of the insurance, as determined by the board, by allowing voluntary deductions from the member's annuity.
- (3) In addition to the life insurance authorized in subdivision (1) of this subsection, any person for whom life insurance is provided or contracted for pursuant to this subsection may purchase, at the person's own expense and only if monthly voluntary payroll deductions are authorized, life insurance covering the person's children or the person's spouse or both at coverage amounts to be determined by the board at a cost to be stipulated in a contract with a private insurer or as may be required by the system if the board of trustees determines that the system should provide such insurance itself.
- (4) Effective July 1, 2000, any member who applies and is eligible to receive an annuity based on the attainment of at least forty-eight years of age with a total of years of age and years of credited service which is at least eighty shall be eligible to retain any optional life insurance

described in subdivision (1) of this subsection. The amount of such retained insurance shall not be greater than the amount in effect during the month prior to termination of employment. Such insurance may be retained until the member's attainment of the earliest age for eligibility for reduced Social Security retirement benefits but no later than age sixty-two, at which time the amount of such insurance that may be retained shall be that amount permitted pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection.

- 3. The state highways and transportation commission may provide for insurance benefits to cover medical expenses for members of the highways and transportation employees' and highway patrol retirement system. The state highways and transportation commission may provide medical benefits for dependents of members and for retired members. Contributions by the state highways and transportation commission to provide the benefits shall be on the same basis as provided for other state employees pursuant to the provisions of section 104.515. Except as otherwise provided by law, the cost of benefits for dependents of members and for retirees and their dependents shall be paid by the members or retirees. The commission may contract with other persons or entities including but not limited to third-party administrators, health network providers and health maintenance organizations for all, or any part of, the benefits provided for in this section. The commission may require reimbursement of any medical claims paid by the commission's medical plan for which there was third-party liability.
- 4. The highways and transportation employees' and highway patrol retirement system may request the state highways and transportation commission to provide life insurance benefits as required in subsections 1 and 2 of this section. If the state highways and transportation commission agrees to the request, the highways and transportation employees' and highway patrol retirement system shall reimburse the state highways and transportation commission for any and all costs for life insurance provided pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of this section. The person who is covered pursuant to subsection 2 of this section shall be solely responsible for the costs of any additional life insurance. In lieu of the life insurance benefit in subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of this section, the highways and transportation employees' and highway patrol retirement system is authorized in its sole discretion to provide a death benefit of five thousand dollars.
- 5. To the extent that the board enters or has entered into any contract with any insurer or service organization to provide life insurance provided for pursuant to this section:
- (1) The obligation to provide such life insurance shall be primarily that of the insurer or service organization and secondarily that of the board;
- (2) Any member who has been denied life insurance benefits by the insurer or service organization and has exhausted all appeal procedures provided by the insurer or service

organization may appeal such decision by filing a petition against the insurer or service organization in a court of law in the member's county of residence; and

- (3) The board and the system shall not be liable for life insurance benefits provided by an insurer or service organization pursuant to this section and shall not be subject to any cause of action with regard to life insurance benefits or the denial of life insurance benefits by the insurer or service organization unless the member has obtained judgment against the insurer or service organization for life insurance benefits and the insurer or service organization is unable to satisfy that judgment.
- 104.1084. 1. For members of the general assembly, the provisions of this section shall supplement or replace the indicated other provisions of the year 2000 plan. "Normal retirement eligibility" means attainment of age fifty-five for a member who has served at least three full biennial assemblies or the attainment of at least age fifty for a member who has served at least three full biennial assemblies with a total of years of age and years of credited service which is at least eighty. A member shall receive two years of credited service for every full biennial assembly served. A full biennial assembly shall be equal to the period of time beginning on the first day the general assembly convenes for a first regular session until the last day of the following year. If a member serves less than a full biennial assembly, the member shall receive credited service for the pro rata portion of the full biennial assembly served.
  - 2. For the purposes of section 104.1024, the normal retirement annuity of a member of the general assembly shall be an amount for life equal to one twenty-fourth of the monthly pay for a senator or representative on the annuity starting date multiplied by the years of credited service as a member of the general assembly. In no event shall any such member or eligible beneficiary receive annuity amounts in excess of one hundred percent of pay.
  - 3. To be covered by the provisions of section 104.1030, or section 104.1036, a member of the general assembly must have served at least three full biennial assemblies.
  - 4. For members who are statewide elected officials, the provisions of this section shall supplement or replace the indicated other provisions of the year 2000 plan. "Normal retirement eligibility" means attainment of age fifty-five for a member who has served at least four years as a statewide elected official, or the attainment of age fifty with a total of years of age and years of such credited service which is at least eighty.
  - 5. For the purposes of section 104.1024, the normal retirement annuity of a member who is a statewide elected official shall be an amount for life equal to one twenty-fourth of the monthly pay in the highest office held by such member on the annuity starting date multiplied by the years of credited service as a statewide elected official not to exceed twelve years.
  - 6. To be covered by the provisions of sections 104.1030 and 104.1036, a member who is a statewide elected official must have at least four years as a statewide elected official.

7. The provisions of section 104.1045 shall not apply to persons covered by the general assembly and statewide elected official provisions of this section. Persons covered by the general assembly provisions and receiving a year 2000 plan annuity shall be entitled to a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) when there are increases in pay for members of the general assembly. Persons covered by the statewide elected official provisions and receiving a year 2000 plan annuity shall be entitled to COLAs when there are increases in the pay for statewide elected officials in the highest office held by such person. The COLA described in this subsection shall be equal to and concurrent with the percentage increase in pay as described in section 105.005.

37 No COLA shall be less than zero.

- 8. Any member who serves under this chapter as a member of the general assembly or as a statewide elected official on or after August 28, 1999, shall not be eligible to receive any retirement benefits from the system under either the closed plan or the year 2000 plan based on service rendered on or after August 28, 1999, as a member of the general assembly or as a statewide elected official if such member is convicted of a felony that is determined by a court of law to have been committed in connection with the member's duties either as a member of the general assembly or as a statewide elected official, unless such conviction is later reversed by a court of law.
- 9. A member of the general assembly who has purchased or transferred creditable service shall not be subject to the cap on benefits pursuant to subsection 2 of this section for that portion of the benefit attributable to the purchased or transferred service.
- 10. For the purposes of section 104.1042, the service credit accrued by a member of the general assembly while receiving long-term disability benefits shall continue to accrue until the earliest of receipt of attainment of normal retirement age eligibility, termination of disability benefits, or the end of the member's constitutionally mandated limit on service as a member of the general assembly for the chamber in which the member was serving at the time of disablement.
- 11. For the purposes of section 104.1042, the service credit accrued by a statewide elected official while receiving long-term disability benefits shall continue to accrue until the earliest of attainment of normal retirement age eligibility, termination of disability benefits, or the end of the statewide elected official's constitutionally mandated limit on service as a statewide elected official for the office in which the statewide elected official was serving at the time of disablement.
- 104.1091. 1. Notwithstanding any provision of the year 2000 plan to the contrary, each person who first becomes an employee on or after January 1, 2011, shall be a member of the year 2000 plan subject to the provisions of this section.
  - 2. A member's normal retirement eligibility shall be as follows:

5 (1) The member's attainment of at least age sixty-seven and the completion of at least 6 ten years of credited service; or the member's attainment of at least age fifty-five with the sum 7 of the member's age and credited service equaling at least ninety; or, in the case of a member 8 who is serving as a uniformed member of the highway patrol and subject to the mandatory 9 retirement provisions of section 104.081, such member's attainment of at least age sixty or the 10 attainment of at least age fifty-five with ten years of credited service;

- (2) For members of the general assembly, the member's attainment of at least age sixty-two and the completion of at least three full biennial assemblies; or the member's attainment of at least age fifty-five with the sum of the member's age and credited service equaling at least ninety;
- (3) For statewide elected officials, the official's attainment of at least age sixty-two and the completion of at least four years of credited service; or the official's attainment of at least age fifty-five with the sum of the official's age and credited service equaling at least ninety.
- 3. A vested former member's normal retirement eligibility shall be based on the attainment of at least age sixty-seven and the completion of at least ten years of credited service.
- 4. A temporary annuity paid pursuant to subsection 4 of section 104.1024 shall be payable if the member has attained at least age fifty-five with the sum of the member's age and credited service equaling at least ninety; or in the case of a member who is serving as a uniformed member of the highway patrol and subject to the mandatory retirement provisions of section 104.081, the temporary annuity shall be payable if the member has attained at least age sixty, or at least age fifty-five with ten years of credited service.
- 5. A member, other than a member who is serving as a uniformed member of the highway patrol and subject to the mandatory retirement provisions of section 104.081, shall be eligible for an early retirement annuity upon the attainment of at least age sixty-two and the completion of at least ten years of credited service. A vested former member who terminated employment prior to the attainment of early retirement eligibility shall not be eligible for early retirement.
- 6. The provisions of subsection 6 of section 104.1021 and section 104.344 as applied pursuant to subsection 7 of section 104.1021 and section 104.1090 shall not apply to members covered by this section.
- 7. The minimum credited service requirements of five years contained in sections 104.1018, 104.1030, 104.1036, and 104.1051 shall be ten years for members covered by this section. The normal and early retirement eligibility requirements in this section shall apply for purposes of administering section 104.1087.
  - 8. A member shall be required to contribute four percent of the member's pay to the retirement system, which shall stand to the member's credit in his or her individual account with

the system, together with investment credits thereon, for purposes of funding retirement benefits payable under the year 2000 plan, subject to the following provisions:

- (1) The state of Missouri employer, pursuant to the provisions of 26 U.S.C. Section 414(h)(2), shall pick up and pay the contributions that would otherwise be payable by the member under this section. The contributions so picked up shall be treated as employer contributions for purposes of determining the member's pay that is includable in the member's gross income for federal income tax purposes;
- (2) Member contributions picked up by the employer shall be paid from the same source of funds used for the payment of pay to a member. A deduction shall be made from each member's pay equal to the amount of the member's contributions picked up by the employer. This deduction, however, shall not reduce the member's pay for purposes of computing benefits under the retirement system pursuant to this chapter;
- (3) Member contributions so picked up shall be credited to a separate account within the member's individual account so that the amounts contributed pursuant to this section may be distinguished from the amounts contributed on an after-tax basis;
- (4) The contributions, although designated as employee contributions, shall be paid by the employer in lieu of the contributions by the member. The member shall not have the option of choosing to receive the contributed amounts directly instead of having them paid by the employer to the retirement system;
- (5) Interest shall be credited annually on June thirtieth based on the value in the account as of July first of the immediately preceding year at a rate of four percent. Effective June 30, 2014, and each June thirtieth thereafter, the interest crediting rate shall be equal to the investment rate that is published by the United States Department of Treasury, or its successor agency, for fifty-two week treasury bills for the relevant auction that is nearest to the preceding July first, or a successor treasury bill investment rate as approved by the board if the fifty-two week treasury bill is no longer issued. Interest credits shall cease upon termination of employment if the member is not a vested former member. Otherwise, interest credits shall cease upon retirement or death;
- (6) A vested former member or a former member who is not vested may request a refund of his or her contributions and interest credited thereon. If such member is married at the time of such request, such request shall not be processed without consent from the spouse. Such member is not eligible to request a refund if such member's retirement benefit is subject to a division of benefit order pursuant to section 104.1051. After ninety days from the date of termination, a member may request such refund, which shall be paid by the system within sixty days from the date of the request, [Such refund shall be paid by the system after ninety days from the date of termination of employment or the request, whichever is later,] and shall

include all contributions made to any retirement plan administered by the system and interest credited thereon. A vested former member may not request a refund after such member becomes eligible for normal retirement. A vested former member or a former member who is not vested who receives a refund shall forfeit all the member's credited service and future rights to receive benefits from the system and shall not be eligible to receive any [long-term] disability benefits; provided that any member or vested former member receiving [long-term] disability benefits shall not be eligible for a refund. If such member subsequently becomes an employee and works continuously for at least one year, the credited service previously forfeited shall be restored if the member returns to the system the amount previously refunded plus interest at a rate established by the board;

- (7) The beneficiary of any member who made contributions shall receive a refund upon the member's death equal to the amount, if any, of such contributions and interest credited thereon less any retirement benefits received by the member unless an annuity is payable to a survivor or beneficiary as a result of the member's death. In that event, the beneficiary of the survivor or beneficiary who received the annuity shall receive a refund upon the survivor's or beneficiary's death equal to the amount, if any, of the member's contributions less any annuity amounts received by the member and the survivor or beneficiary.
- 9. The employee contribution rate, the benefits provided under the year 2000 plan to members covered under this section, and any other provision of the year 2000 plan with regard to members covered under this section may be altered, amended, increased, decreased, or repealed, but only with respect to services rendered by the member after the effective date of such alteration, amendment, increase, decrease, or repeal, or, with respect to interest credits, for periods of time after the effective date of such alteration, amendment, increase, decrease, or repeal.
- 10. For purposes of members covered by this section, the options under section 104.1027 shall be as follows:

Option 1.

A retiree's life annuity shall be reduced to a certain percent of the annuity otherwise payable. Such percent shall be eighty-eight and one half percent adjusted as follows: if the retiree's age on the annuity starting date is younger than sixty-seven years, an increase of three-tenths of one percent for each year the retiree's age is younger than age sixty-seven years; and if the beneficiary's age is younger than the retiree's age on the annuity starting date, a decrease of three-tenths of one percent for each year of age difference; and if the retiree's age is younger than the beneficiary's age on the annuity starting date, an increase of three-tenths of one percent for each year of age difference; provided, after all adjustments the option 1 percent

cannot exceed ninety-four and one quarter percent. Upon the retiree's death, fifty percent of the retiree's reduced annuity shall be paid to such beneficiary who was the retiree's spouse on the annuity starting date or as otherwise provided by subsection 5 of this section.

## Option 2.

A retiree's life annuity shall be reduced to a certain percent of the annuity otherwise payable. Such percent shall be eighty-one percent adjusted as follows: if the retiree's age on the annuity starting date is younger than sixty-seven years, an increase of four-tenths of one percent for each year the retiree's age is younger than sixty-seven years; and if the beneficiary's age is younger than the retiree's age on the annuity starting date, a decrease of five-tenths of one percent for each year of age difference; and if the retiree's age is younger than the beneficiary's age on the annuity starting date, an increase of five-tenths of one percent for each year of age difference; provided, after all adjustments the option 2 percent cannot exceed eighty-seven and three quarter percent. Upon the retiree's death one hundred percent of the retiree's reduced annuity shall be paid to such beneficiary who was the retiree's spouse on the annuity starting date or as otherwise provided by subsection 5 of this section.

## Option 3.

A retiree's life annuity shall be reduced to ninety-three percent of the annuity otherwise payable. If the retiree dies before having received one hundred twenty monthly payments, the reduced annuity shall be continued for the remainder of the one hundred twenty-month period to the retiree's designated beneficiary provided that if there is no beneficiary surviving the retiree, the present value of the remaining annuity payments shall be paid as provided under subsection 3 of section 104.620. If the beneficiary survives the retiree but dies before receiving the remainder of such one hundred twenty monthly payments, the present value of the remaining annuity payments shall be paid as provided under subsection 3 of section 104.620.

### Option 4.

A retiree's life annuity shall be reduced to eighty-six percent of the annuity otherwise payable. If the retiree dies before having received one hundred eighty monthly payments, the reduced annuity shall be continued for the remainder of the one hundred eighty-month period to the retiree's designated beneficiary provided that if there is no beneficiary surviving the retiree, the present value of the remaining annuity payments shall be paid as provided under subsection 3 of section 104.620. If the beneficiary survives the retiree but dies before receiving the remainder of such one hundred eighty monthly payments, the present value of the remaining annuity payments shall be paid as provided under subsection 3 of section 104.620.

149 11. The provisions of subsection 6 of section 104.1024 shall not apply to members 150 covered by this section.

- 12. Effective January 1, 2018, a member who is not a statewide elected official or a member of the general assembly shall be eligible for retirement under this subsection subject to the following conditions:
- (1) A member's normal retirement eligibility shall be based on the attainment of at least age sixty-seven and the completion of at least five years of credited service; or the member's attainment of at least age fifty-five with the sum of the member's age and credited service equaling at least ninety; or in the case of a member who is serving as a uniformed member of the highway patrol and subject to the mandatory retirement provisions of section 104.081, such member's attainment of at least age sixty or the attainment of at least age fifty-five with five years of credited service;
- (2) A vested former member's normal retirement eligibility shall be based on the attainment of at least age sixty-seven and the completion of at least five years of credited service; except that, a vested former member who terminates employment after the attainment of normal retirement eligibility as defined in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be covered under such subdivision;
- (3) A temporary annuity paid under subsection 4 of section 104.1024 shall be payable if the member has attained at least age fifty-five with the sum of the member's age and credited service equaling at least ninety; or in the case of a member who is serving as a uniformed member of the highway patrol and subject to the mandatory retirement provisions of section 104.081, the temporary annuity shall be payable if the member has attained at least age sixty, or at least age fifty-five with five years of credited service;
- (4) A member, other than a member who is serving as a uniformed member of the highway patrol and subject to the mandatory retirement provisions of section 104.081, shall be eligible for an early retirement annuity upon the attainment of at least age sixty-two and the completion of at least five years of credited service. A vested former member who terminated employment prior to the attainment of early retirement eligibility shall not be eligible for early retirement;
- (5) The normal and early retirement eligibility requirements in this subsection shall apply for purposes of administering section 104.1087;
- (6) The survivor annuity payable under section 104.1030 for vested former members who terminated employment prior to the attainment of early retirement eligibility and who are covered by this section shall not be payable until the deceased member would have reached his or her normal retirement eligibility under this subsection;

184 (7) The annual cost-of-living adjustment payable under section 104.1045 shall not commence until the second anniversary of [a vested former member's] the annuity starting date for vested former members who terminated employment prior to the attainment of early retirement eligibility and who are [members] covered by this subsection;

- (8) The unused sick leave credit granted under subsection 2 of section 104.1021 shall not apply to members covered by this subsection unless the member terminates employment after reaching normal retirement eligibility or becoming eligible for an early retirement annuity under this subsection; and
- (9) The minimum credited service requirements of five years contained in sections 104.1018, 104.1030, 104.1036, and 104.1051 shall be five years for members covered by this subsection.
- 476.521. 1. Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 476 to the contrary, each person who first becomes a judge on or after January 1, 2011, and continues to be a judge may receive benefits as provided in sections 476.445 to 476.688 subject to the provisions of this section.
- 2. Any person who is at least sixty-seven years of age, has served in this state an aggregate of at least twelve years, continuously or otherwise, as a judge, and ceases to hold office by reason of the expiration of the judge's term, voluntary resignation, or retirement pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 2 of Section 24 of Article V of the Constitution of Missouri may receive benefits as provided in sections 476.515 to 476.565. The twelve-year requirement of this subsection may be fulfilled by service as judge in any of the courts covered, or by service in any combination as judge of such courts, totaling an aggregate of twelve years. Any judge who is at least sixty-seven years of age and who has served less than twelve years and is otherwise qualified under sections 476.515 to 476.565 may retire after reaching age sixty-seven, or thereafter, at a reduced retirement compensation in a sum equal to the proportion of the retirement compensation provided in section 476.530 that his or her period of judicial service bears to twelve years.
- 3. Any person who is at least sixty-two years of age or older, has served in this state an aggregate of at least twenty years, continuously or otherwise, as a judge, and ceases to hold office by reason of the expiration of the judge's term, voluntary resignation, or retirement pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 2 of Section 24 of Article V of the Constitution of Missouri may receive benefits as provided in sections 476.515 to 476.565. The twenty-year requirement of this subsection may be fulfilled by service as a judge in any of the courts covered, or by service in any combination as judge of such courts, totaling an aggregate of twenty years. Any judge who is at least sixty-two years of age and who has served less than twenty years and is otherwise qualified under sections 476.515 to 476.565 may retire after reaching age sixty-two, at a reduced

retirement compensation in a sum equal to the proportion of the retirement compensation provided in section 476.530 that his or her period of judicial service bears to twenty years.

- 4. All judges under this section required by the provisions of Section 26 of Article V of the Constitution of Missouri to retire at the age of seventy years shall retire upon reaching that age.
- 5. The provisions of sections 104.344, 476.524, and 476.690 shall not apply to judges covered by this section.
- 6. A judge shall be required to contribute four percent of the judge's compensation to the retirement system, which shall stand to the judge's credit in his or her individual account with the system, together with investment credits thereon, for purposes of funding retirement benefits payable as provided in sections 476.515 to 476.565, subject to the following provisions:
- (1) The state of Missouri employer, pursuant to the provisions of 26 U.S.C. Section 414(h)(2), shall pick up and pay the contributions that would otherwise be payable by the judge under this section. The contributions so picked up shall be treated as employer contributions for purposes of determining the judge's compensation that is includable in the judge's gross income for federal income tax purposes;
- (2) Judge contributions picked up by the employer shall be paid from the same source of funds used for the payment of compensation to a judge. A deduction shall be made from each judge's compensation equal to the amount of the judge's contributions picked up by the employer. This deduction, however, shall not reduce the judge's compensation for purposes of computing benefits under the retirement system pursuant to this chapter;
- (3) Judge contributions so picked up shall be credited to a separate account within the judge's individual account so that the amounts contributed pursuant to this section may be distinguished from the amounts contributed on an after-tax basis;
- (4) The contributions, although designated as employee contributions, are being paid by the employer in lieu of the contributions by the judge. The judge shall not have the option of choosing to receive the contributed amounts directly instead of having them paid by the employer to the retirement system;
- (5) Interest shall be credited annually on June thirtieth based on the value in the account as of July first of the immediately preceding year at a rate of four percent. Effective June 30, 2021, and each June thirtieth thereafter, the interest crediting rate shall be equal to the investment rate that is published by the United States Department of the Treasury, or its successor agency, for fifty-two-week treasury bills for the relevant auction that is nearest to the preceding July first, or a successor treasury bill investment rate as approved by the board if the fifty-two-week treasury bill is no longer issued. Interest credits shall cease upon retirement or death of the judge;

- (6) A judge whose employment is terminated may request a refund of his or her contributions and interest credited thereon. If such judge is married at the time of such request, such request shall not be processed without consent from the spouse. A judge is not eligible to request a refund if the judge's retirement benefit is subject to a division of benefit order pursuant to section 104.312. Such refund shall be paid by the system after ninety days from the date of termination of employment or the request, whichever is later and shall include all contributions made to any retirement plan administered by the system and interest credited thereon. A judge may not request a refund after such judge becomes eligible for retirement benefits under sections 476.515 to 476.565. A judge who receives a refund shall forfeit all the judge's service and future rights to receive benefits from the system and shall not be eligible to receive any long-term disability benefits; provided that any judge or former judge receiving long-term disability benefits shall not be eligible for a refund. If such judge subsequently becomes a judge and works continuously for at least one year, the service previously forfeited shall be restored if the judge returns to the system the amount previously refunded plus interest at a rate established by the board;
- (7) The beneficiary of any judge who made contributions shall receive a refund upon the judge's death equal to the amount, if any, of such contributions **and any interest credited thereon**, less any retirement benefits received by the judge unless an annuity is payable to a survivor or beneficiary as a result of the judge's death. In that event, the beneficiary of the survivor or beneficiary who received the annuity shall receive a refund upon the survivor's or beneficiary's death equal to the amount, if any, of the judge's contributions less any annuity amounts received by the judge and the survivor or beneficiary.
- 7. The employee contribution rate, the benefits provided under sections 476.515 to 476.565 to judges covered under this section, and any other provision of sections 476.515 to 476.565 with regard to judges covered under this section may be altered, amended, increased, decreased, or repealed, but only with respect to services rendered by the judge after the effective date of such alteration, amendment, increase, decrease, or repeal, or, with respect to interest credits, for periods of time after the effective date of such alteration, amendment, increase, decrease, or repeal.
- 8. Any judge who is receiving retirement compensation under section 476.529 or 476.530 who becomes employed as an employee eligible to participate in the closed plan or in the year 2000 plan under chapter 104, shall not receive such retirement compensation for any calendar month in which the retired judge is so employed. Any judge who is receiving retirement compensation under section 476.529 or section 476.530 who subsequently serves as a judge as defined pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection 1 of section 476.515 shall not receive such retirement compensation for any calendar month in which the retired judge is

serving as a judge; except that upon retirement such judge's annuity shall be recalculated to include any additional service or salary accrued based on the judge's subsequent service. A judge who is receiving compensation under section 476.529 or 476.530 may continue to receive such retirement compensation while serving as a senior judge or senior commissioner and shall receive additional credit and salary for such service pursuant to section 476.682.

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[104.130. Upon the death of a retired member, the board shall pay to such member's designated beneficiaries or to his estate a death benefit equal to the excess, if any, of the accumulated contributions of the member at retirement over the total amount of retirement benefits received by such member prior to his death.]

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