

74-49,134. Member election for contributions and benefits. (a) The provisions of this section and any related provisions shall not be implemented until the board of trustees of the Kansas public employees retirement system has obtained approval for the election and related provisions specified in this section from the federal internal revenue service. The board may implement the remainder of this act prior to implementation of this section. To that end, this section and provisions related thereto are severable from the remainder of this act and shall be repealed if the federal internal revenue service refuses to grant such approval or issues an adverse decision.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this act, a member of the system under the provisions of K.S.A. 74-4901 et seq., and amendments thereto, on July 1, 2013, may elect to: (1) Contribute, commencing January 1, 2014, 5% of such member's compensation as employee contributions, and commencing January 1, 2015, and in each subsequent calendar year, 6% of such member's compensation as employee contributions, and to receive an amount for participating service equal to the total of 1.85% of such member's final average salary; or (2) continue to contribute 4% of such member's compensation as employee contributions, and to receive an amount for participating service equal to the total of 1.4% of such member's final average salary. Members shall make such election within a 90-day period established by the board.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this act, a member of the system under the provisions of the Kansas public employees retirement act of 2009, on July 1, 2013, may elect to: (1) Continue to contribute, commencing January 1, 2014, 6% of such member's compensation as employee contributions pursuant to K.S.A. 74-49,210, and amendments thereto, receive an annual cost-of-living adjustment pursuant to K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 74-49,213, and amendments thereto, and receive an amount for participating service equal to the total of 1.4% of the member's final average salary; or (2) continue to contribute 6% of such member's compensation as employee contributions and not be eligible to receive an annual cost-of-living adjustment pursuant to K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 74-49,213, and amendments thereto. Members who make this election to contribute at the 6% amount pursuant to this subsection and not be eligible to receive an annual cost-of-living adjustment shall receive an amount for participating service equal to the total of 1.75% of the member's final average salary. Members shall make such election within a 90-day period established by the board.

(d) (1) Elections made pursuant to this section shall be made on a form and in a manner prescribed by the board.

(2) A member failing to make an election pursuant to subsection (b) shall contribute 6% of such member's compensation as employee contributions, and shall receive an amount for participating service equal to the total of 1.85% of the member's final average salary.

(3) A member failing to make an election pursuant to subsection (c) shall contribute 6% of such member's compensation as employee contribution, shall not receive an annual cost-of-living adjustment pursuant to K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 74-49,213, and amendments thereto, and shall receive an amount for participating service equal to the total of 1.75% of the member's final average salary.

(4) An election under this section, including the default election pursuant to subsection (d)(2) or (d)(3), is a one-time irrevocable election.

(e) The provisions of this section shall take effect July 1, 2012, and upon the date of publication in the Kansas register of the notice prescribed in K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 74-49,133.

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