

CHAPTER 354

TEACHERS RETIREMENT FUND

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354.05 DEFINITIONS. Subdivision 1. **Terms.** Unless the language or context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended, the following terms, for the purposes of this chapter, shall be given the meanings subjoined to them.

Subd. 2. **Teacher.** The word "teacher" includes any person who has rendered, is rendering, or shall hereafter render, service as a teacher, supervisor, principal, superintendent, or librarian in the public schools of the state, located outside of the corporate limits of the cities of the first class, in the state colleges, or in any charitable or state institution including penal and corrective institutions supported, in whole or in part, by public funds, or who has been engaged, is engaged, or shall hereafter be engaged, in educational administration in connection with the state public school system, including the state colleges, but excluding the state university, whether the position be a public office or an employment, not including members of any general governing or managing board or body connected with such systems, or the officers of common, independent, special, or associated school districts, or unorganized territory. The term shall also include any nurse, counselor, social worker or psychologist who has rendered, is rendering or shall hereafter render service in the public schools as defined above or in state colleges. The term shall also include any person who renders teaching service on a part time basis and who also renders other services for a school district. In such cases, the teachers retirement association shall have the authority to determine whether all or none of such combined em-

ployment will be covered by the teachers retirement association. The term does not mean any person who works for such school or institution as an independent contractor.

Subd. 3. Teaching. The word "teaching" includes the service performed by any person coming within the definition of "teacher" as set forth in subdivision 2.

Subd. 4. Fund. The term "fund" means the teachers retirement fund referred to in this chapter.

Subd. 5. Member of fund. The term "member of fund" means every teacher who joins and contributes to the teachers retirement fund as provided in this chapter who has not retired.

Subd. 6. Board. The term "board" means the board of trustees of the teachers retirement fund.

Subd. 7. Actuarial equivalent. "Actuarial equivalent" means the annual amount determined by calculations based on mortality tables, purchasable with a given amount at a stated age.

Subd. 8. Dependent child. "Dependent child" means any natural or adopted child of a deceased member who has not reached the age of 18 by June 30, 1967, or who is under age 22 and is a full time student throughout the normal school year, unmarried and actually dependent for more than one-half of his support upon such member and for a period of at least 90 days prior to the member's death. It also includes any child of the member conceived during his lifetime and born after his death in any case where a member dies after July 1, 1967.

Subd. 9. Association. "Association" means the combined membership of all teachers who qualify and participate in the retirement program provided for in this chapter.

Subd. 10. Approved actuary. "Approved actuary" means any actuary who is either a fellow of the society of actuaries or who has at least 15 years of service to major public employee funds or any firm retaining such an actuary on its staff.

Subd. 11. Accumulated deductions. "Accumulated deductions" means the total of the sums deducted from the salary of a member and the total amount of assessments paid by a member in lieu of such deductions, credited to his individual fund, less amounts paid to the member or any person in his behalf in the form of refundments, annuity payments or benefit payments and less any other amounts deducted pursuant to law.

Subd. 12. Payments in lieu of deductions. "Payments in lieu of deductions" means the assessments or payments made by any member to receive credit for service rendered when no salary deductions were made.

Subd. 13. Allowable service. "Allowable service" means:

(1) Any service rendered by a teacher for which on or before July 1, 1957, he received credit to his account in the retirement fund by reason of employee contributions in the form of salary deductions, payments in lieu of salary deductions, or in any other manner authorized by Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 135.01 to 135.13, as amended by Laws 1955, Chapters 361, 549, 550, 611 or

(2) Any service rendered by a teacher for which on or before July 1, 1961, he elected to obtain credit for service by making payments to the fund pursuant to sections 354.09, 354.51 or

(3) Any service rendered by a teacher after July 1, 1957, for any calendar month when the member receives salary from which deductions are made, deposited and credited in the fund, or

(4) Any service rendered by a person after July 1, 1957, for any calendar month where payments in lieu of salary deductions are made, deposited and credited into the fund as provided in sections 354.09, subdivision 4, and 354.38 and 354.53, or

(5) Any service rendered by a teacher for which he elected to obtain credit for service by making payments to the fund pursuant to sections 354.09, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, and 4, 354.50, 354.51, and Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 135.41, Subdivision 4, or

(6) Both service during years of actual membership in the course of which contributions were currently made and service in years during which the teacher was not a member but for which he later elected to obtain credit by making payments to the fund as permitted by any law then in effect.

Subd. 14. Total and permanent disability. "Total and permanent disability" means the inability to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any

medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or to be of long continued and indefinite duration.

Subd. 15. Dependent spouse. "Dependent spouse" means: (1) the widow of a deceased member who has not remarried and was living with and dependent upon the member at the time of death, or (2) the widower of a deceased member who has attained the age of 65, has not remarried, was living with and dependent upon the member at the time of death for more than one-half of his support; or the widower of a deceased member who has not remarried and is totally and permanently disabled.

Subd. 16. Retirement annuity. "Retirement annuity" means the payments made by the fund to a former member after retirement.

Subd. 17. Optional survivors annuity. "Optional survivors annuity" means the payments made by the fund to a survivor of a former member pursuant to an optional annuity form selected by such member at or before retirement which varies in amount depending primarily upon both employee and employer contributions made by and in behalf of the particular member.

Subd. 18. Spouses annuity. "Spouses annuity" means the payments made by the fund to a spouse of a deceased member commencing at age 62 or 65 which varies in amount depending primarily upon both employee and employer contributions made by and in behalf of the particular member.

Subd. 19. Annuity. "Annuity" means a retirement annuity, optional survivors annuity, or spouses annuity.

Subd. 20. Benefit. "Benefit" means an allowance paid or payable by the fund to a surviving dependent spouse or a dependent child which is a fixed amount and also includes an allowance paid or payable by the fund to a member or former member who is permanently and totally disabled.

Subd. 21. Retirement. "Retirement" means the withdrawal of a member from active teaching service who is paid a retirement annuity thereafter and commences with the date designated by the retirement board when the retirement annuity shall first accrue to the former member after his withdrawal from active teaching service. This date shall determine any rights specified in sections 354.05 to 354.14 and 354.31 to 354.55 which occur either before or after retirement, as the case may be.

Subd. 22. Designated beneficiary. "Designated beneficiary" means the person designated by a member to receive the balance of his accumulated deductions after death. If the member had failed to designate such a person or if the person designated predeceased the member, beneficiary in such cases means the estate of the deceased member.

Subd. 23. Variable account accumulation. "Variable account accumulation" means the total amounts credited to a member's account in the variable annuity division as most recently revalued in accordance with the provisions of sections 11.26 and 354.62.

Subd. 24. Retirement variable annuity. "Retirement variable annuity" means the payments made by the fund to an annuitant after retirement in varying amounts prescribed by the provisions of Laws 1969, Chapter 485 pertaining to variable annuities and may vary in accordance with the provisions of section 354.62.

Subd. 25. Formula service credit. "Formula service credit" means any allowable service credit as defined in subdivision 13 except as provided in this subdivision:

(1) Any service rendered prior to July 1, 1951, for which payments were made pursuant to subdivision 13 except as provided in section 354.09, subdivision 4, as determined by multiplying the number of years of service established in the records of the teachers retirement fund as of July 1, 1961 by the ratio obtained between the total amount paid and the maximum amount payable for such years, and/or

(2) Any service rendered prior to July 1, 1957 for which payments were made pursuant to section 354.09, subdivision 4, as determined by multiplying the number of years of service established in the records of the teachers retirement fund by the ratio obtained between the total amount paid and the maximum amount payable for such years, and/or

(3) Any service rendered where contributions were made and no allowable service credit was established because of the limitations contained in Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 354.09, Subdivision 2, and Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 135.09, Subdivision 2, as determined by the ratio between the amounts of money

credited to his account in a fiscal year and the maximum retirement contribution allowable for such year, and/or

(4) Any service rendered for which contributions were not made in full as determined by the ratio between the amounts of money credited to his account in a fiscal year and the retirement contribution payable for such fiscal year pursuant to sections 354.32, 354.42, and 354.51.

(5) No period of service shall be counted more than once for purposes of this subdivision.

Subd. 26. Adjustable fixed benefit annuity. "Adjustable fixed benefit annuity" means the payments made by the fund to an annuitant after retirement in accordance with the provisions of section 354.63. It also means that the payments made by the fund shall never be an amount less than the amount originally determined on the date of retirement or on July 1, 1969 whichever is later but not including the supplemental benefit provided for in section 354.55, subdivision 6.

Subd. 27. The term "normal school operating funds" as used in this chapter shall be defined as and limited to the proceeds of property tax levies, state school maintenance cost aids distributed in accordance with statutes governing such funds, state aid to distressed school districts, proceeds from federal forest reserve lands, state transportation aids, and receipts from tuition paid by persons or other school districts and rental charges received. The term also includes moneys appropriated by the legislature for the operation of any state agency, department, state board, or institution.

Subd. 28. The term "satisfactory certification" means a certification executed by a responsible officer of an employing authority in such form and content that false or misleading information would constitute perjury.

Subd. 29. The term "social security receivable" means an amount equal to the request of transfer the trustees are authorized to make in section 355.46, subdivision 3 plus the amounts the state auditor shall determine as of July 1, 1971 that have been paid from the teachers retirement fund pursuant to section 355.46, subdivision 3(b) for which reimbursement has not already been made during the twelve-month period immediately preceding July 1, 1971.

[1931 c 406 s 1; 1957 c 576 s 1, 2; Ex1957 c 16 s 1, 2; Ex1959 c 50 s 1-4; 1961 c 597 s 1; Ex1961 c 17 s 1; 1963 c 845 s 1; 1965 c 821 s 1; Ex1967 c 6 s 5; 1969 c 485 s 1, 2; 1971 c 40 s 1-3; 1971 c 535 s 1; Ex1971 c 48 s 7] (2950-1)

354.06 BOARD OF TRUSTEES; MEMBERSHIP; DUTIES. Subdivision 1. The management of the fund shall be vested in a board of seven trustees to be known as the board of trustees of the teachers retirement fund. It shall be composed of the following persons: the commissioner of education, the state auditor, the commissioner of insurance, and four members of the fund who shall be elected by mail ballot for terms of four years by the members of the fund in a manner to be fixed by the board of trustees of the fund. The terms of office of all incumbent elective members of the board of trustees on July 1, 1963 shall terminate on the first day of July 1965. In 1965, there shall be elected four members of the board of trustees, for terms commencing on the first of July 1965, two of whom shall be elected for terms of four years each, and two for terms of two years each. Thereafter in every odd numbered year there shall be elected two members of the board of trustees for terms of four years commencing on the first of July next succeeding their election. Each election shall be completed by June 1st of each succeeding odd numbered year. In the case of elective members, vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the remainder of the board, the appointee to serve until the members of the fund at the next regular election have elected a trustee to serve for the unexpired term caused by such vacancy. No member shall be appointed by the board, or elected by the members of the fund as a trustee who is not a member of the fund in good standing at the time of such appointment or election. It shall be the duty of the board of trustees to faithfully administer the law without prejudice and consistent with the expressed intent of the legislature. They shall act as trustees with a fiduciary obligation to the state of Minnesota which created the fund, the taxpayers which aid in financing it and the teachers who are its beneficiaries.

Subd. 2. The board shall annually elect one of its members as president, shall elect a secretary, and fix his salary, who shall serve during the pleasure of the board and be the executive officer of the board, with such duties as the board shall prescribe. The board shall employ all other clerks and employees necessary to

properly administer the fund. The cost and expense of administering the provisions of sections 354.05 to 354.10 shall be paid by the fund.

Subd. 3. The state treasurer shall be ex officio treasurer of the fund and his general bond to the state shall cover any liabilities for his acts as treasurer of the fund. He shall receive all moneys payable to the fund and pay out the same only on warrants issued by the state auditor upon abstracts signed by the secretary of the board.

Subd. 4. All members of the board shall serve without compensation but shall receive necessary expenses while attending all meetings of the board, to be paid out of the fund.

Subd. 5. The board shall meet regularly at its office at such times as it shall determine. Special meetings may be held at any time at the call of the president of the board or of any three members thereof.

Subd. 6. The fiscal year of the fund shall begin on the first day of July of each year and end on the 30th day of June of the following year.

Subd. 7. A suitable office shall be provided by the state through the proper officer for the use of the board and its secretary.

[1931 c 406 s 3; 1955 c 361 s 1; Ex1959 c 50 s 5; Ex1961 c 17 s 2, 3; 1963 c 585 s 1; 1969 c 485 s 3, 4] (2950-3)

354.07 POWERS OF THE BOARD. Subdivision 1. The board shall have, and is hereby granted, power to frame bylaws for its own government and for the management of the fund not inconsistent with the laws of the state and to modify them at pleasure; to adopt, alter, and enforce reasonable rules and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of the state for the administration and management of the fund, for the payment and collection of payments from members, and for the payment of withdrawals and benefits; to pass upon and allow or disallow all applications for membership in the fund and for credit for teaching service; to pass upon and allow or disallow all claims for withdrawals, pensions, or benefits payable from the fund; to provide for the payment out of the fund of all necessary expenses for the administration thereof and of all claims for withdrawals, pensions, or benefits allowed.

Subd. 2. In passing upon all applications and claims, the board may summon, swear, hear, and examine witnesses and, in the case of claims for disability benefits, may require the claimant to submit to a medical examination by a physician of the board's choice, at the expense of the claimant, as a condition precedent to the passing on the claim, and, in the case of all applications and claims, may conduct investigations necessary to determine the validity and merit of the same.

Subd. 3. The board may sue or be sued in the name of the board of trustees of the teachers retirement fund and in all actions brought by or against it the board shall be represented by the attorney general.

Subd. 4. It shall be the duty of the board from time to time to certify to the state board of investment for investment as much of the funds in its hands as shall not be needed for current purposes. Such funds that are certified to the variable annuity division shall include employee deductions as well as an equal amount for state's matching. Such funds that are certified as to investment in the adjustable fixed benefit fund shall include the amount as required for the total reserves needed for the purposes described in section 354.63. The state board of investment shall thereupon transfer such assets to the appropriate fund provided herein, in accordance with the procedure set forth in sections 354.62 and 354.63, or invest and reinvest an amount equal to the sum so certified in such securities as are now or may hereafter be duly authorized legal investments for state employees retirement fund and all such securities so transferred or purchased shall be deposited with the state treasurer. All interest from these investments shall be credited to the appropriate funds and used for current purposes or investments, except as hereinafter provided. The state board of investment shall have authority to sell, convey, and exchange such securities and invest and reinvest the funds when it deems it desirable to do so, and shall sell securities upon request of the officers of the association when such officers determine funds are needed for its purposes. All of the provisions regarding accounting procedures and restrictions and conditions for the purchase and sale of securities for the state employees retirement fund shall apply to the accounting, purchase and sale of securities for the teachers' retirement fund.

Subd. 5. The board shall keep a record of the receipts and disbursements of the

fund and a separate account with each member of the fund. The board shall also keep separate accounts for annuity payments, for employer contributions and all other necessary accounts and reserves. It shall determine annually the annual interest earnings of the fund. Five percent of the annual interest earnings shall annually be set aside as a capital reserve account until the capital reserve account equals two percent of the assets of the fund. This amount in the contingency reserve account on June 30, 1958 shall be transferred to the excess earnings account and the balance should be transferred to the capital reserve account July 1, 1961. The capital gains and losses of the fund shall be reflected in this account. The remaining portion of the annual interest earnings shall be apportioned and credited to the separate members' accounts except those covered under the provisions of section 354.33, subdivisions 7 or 8, or section 354.44, subdivisions 6 or 7. The rate to be used in this distribution computed to the last full quarter percent shall be determined by dividing the remaining portion of the interest earnings by the total invested assets of the fund. The excess of the annual interest earnings in the excess earnings reserve which was not credited to the various accounts shall be credited to the gross interest earnings for the next succeeding year.

Subd. 6. [Repealed, 1969 c 485 s 40]

[1931 c 406 s 4; 1949 c 708 s 1; 1951 c 481 s 1; 1953 c 750 s 1; 1961 c 380 s 3; Ex1961 c 17 s 4; 1965 c 305 s 2; 1969 c 485 s 5; 1971 c 40 s 4] (2950-4)

354.08 RIGHTS OF NON-MEMBERS TO MAKE PAYMENTS TO THE FUND.

Any teacher who was not a member of the teachers insurance and retirement fund, created by Laws 1915, Chapter 199, but who rendered teaching service prior to August 1, 1931, in any public school or institution to which sections 354.05 to 354.10 apply, and who has become a member of the fund hereby created, shall have the right to pay into the fund hereby created and receive credit therefor as of the time paid, such sums as such teacher would have paid as assessments had such teacher been a member of the fund created by Laws 1915, Chapter 199, together with simple interest on the same at the rate of six percent from the time the service was rendered until paid and such additional sums as such teacher may elect to pay; the aggregate of which assessments, interest, and additional sums shall not exceed five percent of such teacher's average yearly salary for the five years of service immediately preceding the school year 1931-1932, or the first thereof, but not more than \$100 per year, multiplied by the number of years of such prior service. Members of the teachers retirement fund shall have the right to pay assessments, interest, and additional sums, as provided for in this section, for service rendered prior to August 1, 1931, in schools or institutions in Minnesota to which sections 354.05 to 354.10 apply; provided, that in the case of any such teacher who has rendered more than 15 years of such prior service there shall be assigned to such teacher's credit from state funds, if in the judgment of the teachers retirement fund board adequate funds are available, as a part of such teacher's savings, for each year of service beyond 15, five percent of the total additional amount that such teacher has a right to pay, as hereinbefore provided, not exceeding the amount paid by such teacher under such right and in no event more than 50 percent of the total additional amount which may be paid. The amount so assigned from state funds shall reduce to the extent thereof the total amount which the teacher may pay under the right as aforesaid. Any money so contributed by the state shall be used only to purchase an annuity, as hereinafter provided, and may not be withdrawn in cash as a part of such teacher's savings.

[1937 c. 112 s. 1] (2950-7)

354.09 TEACHERS FROM OTHER STATES OR OTHER SCHOOLS. Subdivision 1. Except as provided in subdivision 4, teachers who have rendered teaching service in other states or in the public schools of this state to which sections 354.05 to 354.10 do not apply, or in the university of Minnesota, who prior thereto have been, or thereafter become members of the fund, may be given credit for such teaching service by the board, provided that no credit may be given for any part thereof rendered subsequent to June 30, 1953, for which they are entitled to receive benefits under any other retirement system; and, after having acquired credit for 15 years of teaching service in schools or institutions to which sections 354.05 to 354.10 apply, of which at least five years shall have been rendered subsequent to such other teaching service, such teachers may then pay into the fund an amount equal to six percent of the average yearly salary, not exceeding \$175, received during the five years immediately before completion of the required Minnesota

service or July 1, 1951, whichever is later, multiplied by the number of years of such teaching service for which credit is given, together with interest thereon at the rate of four percent per annum from the time of rendering such previous service until July 1, 1947. The payments hereunder shall not exceed \$175 per year for any such service rendered prior to July 1, 1953, and \$216 per year for any such service rendered thereafter and shall be without interest for any such service rendered subsequent to June 30, 1947. These payments may be made only for service rendered prior to July 1, 1957.

Subd. 2. In computing the time of service of a teacher, the length of a legal school year in the district or institution where such service was rendered shall constitute a year under sections 354.05 to 354.10, provided such year is not less than the legal minimum school year of this state. No person shall be allowed credit for more than one year of teaching service for any fiscal year. Commencing July 1, 1969 (1) if a teacher performs homebound or hourly paid services, credit shall be given for a day of teaching service for each five hours taught, and (2) if a teacher teaches at least 170 days in any year credit shall be given for a full year of teaching service, and (3) if a teacher teaches for only a fractional part of the year credit shall be given for such fractional part of the year as the term of service rendered bears to 170 days.

Subd. 3. If a member is granted (1) a Sabbatical leave or (2) a leave for educational purposes in any foreign country under a scholarship received from the board of foreign scholarships or (3) a leave for performing interchange teaching service in a foreign country pursuant to federal law or (4) a leave to participate in work of the National Science Foundation, he may receive allowable service credit not exceeding three years in any ten consecutive years toward a retirement annuity by paying into the fund employee contributions during the period of leave. The employee contribution shall be based upon the rate of contributions paid and the salary received during the year immediately preceding the leave. This subdivision also applies to any such service occurring prior to its enactment provided that the payments into the retirement fund for any year prior to July 1, 1953, shall not exceed \$175 and for any year from July 1, 1953, to June 30, 1955, such payments shall not exceed \$216 and for any year prior to July 1, 1965, such payment shall not exceed \$288 and for any year prior to July 1, 1967, payment shall not exceed \$432 and for any subsequent year payment shall be made pursuant to section 354.32, subdivision 1 and section 354.42, subdivision 2. These payments shall be without interest. A member shall not accrue more than three years allowable service by reason of this section unless the allowable service credit was paid for by the member prior to July 1, 1962.

Subd. 4. After July 1, 1969, payments made pursuant to subdivision 1, representing employee contributions, shall be accepted only if an equal additional amount, representing employer contributions, is received from the agency formerly employing such teacher. However, the teacher or the school district or institution which presently employs him, may pay such equal additional amount representing the employer contribution required by this subdivision. Interest shall be paid on both the employee and employer contribution at the rate of four percent per annum from the year on which such service was rendered to the first date of payment. For payments made prior to July 1, 1969, pursuant to subdivision 1 where the employer's contributions were not made, an additional amount representing employer's contributions may be paid together with interest at the rate of four percent per annum on this amount from the year such service was rendered to the first date of payment.

If the employee and employer contributions and interest thereon provided in this section are not paid in full the member's formula service credit shall be calculated by multiplying the number of years of out of state service by the ratio obtained by the total amount paid and the maximum amount payable provided herein.

The board may authorize the collection of these payments in the form of installments rather than a lump sum. Any school district or institution which desires to make the employer contribution herein provided, is hereby authorized to appropriate money for such purpose.

All payments into the fund pursuant to subdivision 1, shall be considered accumulations after July 1, 1957 for the purpose of computing any annuity provided in Extra Session Laws 1957, Chapter 16.

In no case shall the provisions of subdivision 1 apply to teachers who become members of the fund after July 1, 1957.

In no case shall the provisions of subdivisions 1 or 4 apply to members who have accepted refunds of their accumulated deductions and again resumed teaching in schools to which chapter 354 applies after July 1, 1957.

Subd. 5. If a member is granted leave of absence, he may accrue allowable service credit toward a retirement annuity if the following conditions are met:

(a) An authorized leave of absence is granted by the employer and the employer certifies that it will pay the employer contribution provided in (d) below or the member certifies that he will pay such employer contributions.

(b) The leave of absence does not exceed one year.

(c) All former leaves of absence for which allowable service credit was given the member do not in total exceed one year during the last ten consecutive years.

(d) The employing subdivision pays the employer contribution and the contribution to amortize the deficit in the fund during the period of the leave based on the average salary of the member for the year prior to his leave of absence or in lieu thereof the member pays this amount.

(e) The member pays the employer contribution for the period of the leave of absence based on the average salary of the employee for the year prior to his leave of absence and such payment is made currently or within one year from the date the leave of absence terminates.

The term employer for this subdivision means the school district or institution last employing the member before the leave of absence.

[1931 c 406 s 8; 1949 c 708 s 4; 1953 c 750 s 4; 1955 c 361 s 6, 7; Ex1957 c 16 s 14, 15; Ex1961 c 17 s 5-7; 1965 c 821 s 2; 1967 c 834 s 1; 1969 c 485 s 6, 36; 1971 c 40 s 5, 6] (2950-8)

354.10 FUND NOT SUBJECT TO ASSIGNMENT OR PROCESS; BENEFICIARIES. The right of a teacher to avail himself of the benefits of sections 354.05 to 354.10 and 354.31 to 354.55, and acts amendatory thereof, is a personal right only and shall not be assignable. All moneys to the credit of a teacher's account in the fund or any moneys payable to him from the fund shall belong to the state of Minnesota until actually paid to the teacher or his beneficiary pursuant to the provisions of sections 354.05 to 354.10 and 354.31 to 354.55, and acts amendatory thereof. Any assignment or attempted assignment of a teacher's interest in the fund, or of the beneficiary's interest therein, by a teacher or his beneficiary shall be null and void and the same shall be exempt from garnishment or levy under attachment or execution and from all taxation by the state of Minnesota, except that none shall be exempt from taxation under chapter 291, unless transferred to a surviving spouse or minor or dependent child of the decedent or a trust for their benefit. Any beneficiary designated by a teacher under the terms of sections 354.05 to 354.10 and 354.31 to 354.55, and acts amendatory thereof, may be changed or revoked by the teacher at his pleasure, in such manner as the board may prescribe. In case a designated beneficiary dies before the teacher designating him dies, and a new beneficiary is not designated, the teacher's estate shall be the beneficiary.

[1931 c 406 s 10; 1955 c 361 s 8; 1961 c 745 s 1; 1971 c 789 s 6] (2950-10)

354.11 APPLICATION. Sections 354.05 to 354.10 shall not apply to any city of the first class of this state, except as provided in section 354.05.

[1931 c. 406 s. 14] (2950-14)

354.12 COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS ELIGIBLE TO MEMBERSHIP. All county superintendents of schools now in office, or who shall hereafter be elected or appointed thereto, and all former county superintendents of schools who have heretofore contributed to the teachers insurance and retirement fund, if otherwise eligible, are hereby made eligible to membership in this fund and admitted to membership therein upon written application to the board of trustees of the teachers insurance and retirement fund, or to its secretary, and shall thereafter be subject to all of the provisions of Laws 1915, Chapter 199.

[1931 c. 146 s. 1] (2953-1)

354.13 CREDIT FOR PAYMENTS. All such superintendents or former superintendents of schools who have heretofore contributed to the teachers insurance and retirement fund and who become members thereof, as provided in section 354.12, shall receive the same credit for payments made and for service rendered as if they had been members of the fund during the time of such payments. Any superintendent or former superintendent who has heretofore received or would be entitled to receive, if he had been eligible to membership in the fund an annuity shall be paid

such annuity from the fund as he would have been entitled to had he been a member during the time he contributed.

[1931 c. 146 s. 2] (2953-2)

354.14 PAYMENTS INTO FUND DEDUCTED FROM SALARIES. It is hereby made the duty of the county officials required by law to draw the warrants for the payment of the salaries of such county superintendents of schools to deduct and withhold from each month's salary due to each such superintendent the amount which such superintendent is required to pay into the teachers insurance and retirement fund, as specified in sections 354.12 to 354.14, and the county treasurer shall remit the amount so withheld to the state treasurer at the time and in the manner of remitting moneys belonging to the fund received from boards of education or other managing bodies of school districts or other educational institutions and report to the board of trustees of the fund the name of the county superintendent from whose salary such deductions were made and the amount of such deductions.

[1931 c. 146 s. 4] (2953-4)

354.145 ELECTION OF BENEFITS, FORMS. Subdivision 1. Any member who elects to have his benefits at retirement calculated under the provisions of section 354.33, subdivision 1, or subdivision 7, 8, or 9, shall make such election on forms provided by the board of trustees according to the following provisions:

(1) Except as provided in clause (4), each member in the fund who rendered teaching service or was on an approved leave of absence during the 1968-69 school year or each member who has at least 20 years of allowable service credit as of July 1, 1969 may elect before July 1, 1972 or prior to retirement whichever is first, to have his benefits at retirement calculated under the provisions of section 354.33, subdivision 1, or subdivisions 7, 8, or 9. The effective date of these options is July 1 of the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the election is made or date of retirement, whichever is earlier.

(2) Teachers who failed to make an election pursuant to clause (1) shall have their annuity at retirement computed under section 354.33, subdivision 1.

(3) After July 1, 1969 every new teacher entering teaching service is covered by section 354.33, subdivision 7 unless an election is made in writing to the board of trustees to select section 354.33, subdivisions 8 or 9 on or before June 30 of the year in which the member commenced teaching. The effective date of this election is the date on which the member commenced teaching.

(4) After July 1, 1969 every teacher resuming teaching after having accepted a refund is covered by section 354.33, subdivision 7 unless an election is made in writing to the board of trustees to select section 354.33, subdivisions 8 or 9 on or before June 30 of the year in which the member resumed teaching. The effective date of this election is the date on which the member resumed teaching.

Subd. 2. Any member who elects to have his benefit at retirement calculated under the provisions of section 354.44, subdivision 2, or subdivision 6, or 7 shall make such election on forms provided by the board of trustees according to the following provisions:

(1) Except as provided in subdivision 1, clause (4), each member in the fund who rendered teaching service or was on an approved leave of absence during the 1968-69 school year or each member who has at least 20 years of allowable service credit as of July 1, 1969 may elect before July 1, 1972 or prior to retirement whichever is first, to have his benefits at retirement calculated under the provisions of section 354.44, subdivision 2, or subdivision 6, or 7. The effective date of these options is July 1 of the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the election is made or date of retirement, whichever is earlier.

(2) Teachers who failed to make an election pursuant to clause (1) shall have their annuity at retirement computed under section 354.44, subdivision 2.

Subd. 3. Except as provided in subdivision 1, clause (4), once an election is effective pursuant to subdivisions 1 and 2 it cannot be revoked or changed.

Subd. 4. (1) Each employee of the teachers retirement association who is a member or who is eligible to membership in the Minnesota state retirement system may elect to be covered by the teachers retirement association and may elect the options available in section 354.33, subdivisions 1, 7, 8 and 9. For each employee who wishes to be covered by the teachers retirement association the Minnesota state retirement system will cause such election and transfer to the teachers retirement

association by December 31, 1969, or date of retirement whichever is earlier, the following:

(a) the employee contributions with three and one half percent interest compounded annually for each annual contribution, and

(b) an amount equal to the total obtained in (a) for the employer's contributions, and in addition

(c) an amount of money collected by the Minnesota state retirement system equal to the "additional two-thirds employer contribution", provided in section 352.04, subdivision 3.

(2) All new employees of the teachers retirement association employed subsequent to July 1, 1969 will be covered under the provisions of Laws 1969, Chapter 485.

(3) Until July 1, 1970, each such employee who becomes a member of the teachers retirement association may make such payments to the fund pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 354.511.

[1969 c 485 s 12; 1971 c 40 s 7-9]

354.15 TEACHERS RETIREMENT FUND ASSOCIATIONS IN CITIES. In every city of this state now or hereafter having a population of more than 10,000, the teaching body may, with the consent of the council in the city, establish an association to be known as the teachers retirement fund association, to be formed and organized and to have powers and privileges as provided in sections 354.17 to 354.23. After July 1, 1969, no new teacher retirement fund can be created.

[1909 c 343 s 1; 1911 c 383 s 1; 1969 c 485 s 37] (1358)

354.16 INCORPORATION. Any plan for the establishment of such an association shall include a provision for the organization of a corporation under the provisions of Revised Laws 1905, Chapter 58, and acts amendatory thereof.

[1909 c. 343 s. 2] (1359)

354.17 PLAN OF ASSOCIATION; FUND; APPROVAL OF COUNCIL. When any teaching body of any city of this state having a population of more than 10,000, desires to avail itself of these privileges, that teaching body shall formulate a plan for the formation and incorporation of such an association and the collection and disbursement of a fund for the benefit of retired teachers in the city, which plan shall be submitted to the council of the city for approval, and when the same is approved by the council, the association so established and incorporated shall have full power and authority to receive and disburse funds in accordance with the plan so adopted.

[1909 c. 343 s. 3; 1911 c. 383 s. 2] (1360)

354.18 APPROVAL OF TEACHERS. No such association shall be incorporated and commence to collect and disburse funds until the plan so to be proposed by the teaching body shall be approved in writing by a majority of all the teachers in the employ of the board of education and when the corporation is formed there shall be filed with the articles of incorporation an affidavit made by some officer of the board of education that a majority of the teachers have approved in writing of the formation of the association.

[1909 c. 343 s. 4] (1361)

354.19 CONTRIBUTION BY TEACHERS; TAXATION. The plan shall include a provision that only such teachers as make a contribution to the fund, as provided in the plan, shall be entitled to the benefits thereof, and may include a provision that a portion of the fund shall be raised by taxation upon the property of the city, it being understood that all teachers who are willing to comply with the terms and conditions of the articles of association and bylaws of the association shall be entitled to participate in the benefits of the fund.

In any city of the first class where no automatic or compulsory retirement plan affecting such teachers has been established, every teacher coming within the provisions of this act who shall have attained the age of 70 years as of June 30, 1942, and any teacher who shall have attained the age of 69 years as of June 30, 1943, and any teacher who shall have attained the age of 68 years as of June 30, 1944, and thereafter any teacher who shall have attained the age of 68 as of June 30 of any year, shall be automatically retired and severed from the service in the respective school system.

In any city of the first class, the plan, subject to the approval of the city council of such city, may provide that any member applying for an annuity shall be entitled to an annuity on the single life plan, or its actuarial equivalent under any optional

method of retirement provided in the articles of the association, from city deposits at least equal to \$2 per month for each year of teaching service in such city. Such annuity payments shall not commence until the member has reached the age of 55 years, and has completed 20 years of teaching service in such city, or until the member has reached the age of 62 years if he has not completed 20 years of teaching service in such city. Where the aggregate of the city deposit to the credit of such member will not provide the minimum annuity prescribed, the city deposit shall be increased in the year of retirement to the amount necessary to provide such minimum annuity. Except as herein provided, the provisions for city deposits in such plan in any city of the first class shall not be altered by the provisions of this paragraph. City deposits as used herein is hereby defined as that portion of the fund to be raised by taxation upon the property of the city.

[1909 c 343 s 5; 1941 c 214 s 1; 1945 c 390 s 1; 1951 c 25 s 1] (1362)

354.20 TAX LEVIES. When the plan is adopted, and the association is formed and incorporated, the proper officers of the association shall certify annually to the proper authorities, who have charge of the levying of taxes for school purposes in the city and in the county in which the city is located, the amount which it will be necessary to raise by taxation in order to carry out the plan so adopted, for the coming year, and it shall be the duty of the authorities so having charge of the levying of taxes to include in the tax levy for the ensuing year, a tax in addition to all other taxes, the rate allowed to be levied or expended for the cost of government by the charter of any city affected by Laws 1945, Chapter 390, sufficient to produce so much of the sum so certified as the said authorities having charge of the levying of taxes for school purposes in said city shall approve; provided, that any portion of the sum so certified which is not included in the tax so levied and collected shall be increased with interest at the rate currently earned on the invested funds of the association and added to the amount certified for the ensuing year, and provided that in cities other than those of the first class to which this law is applicable, the tax shall in no event exceed one-tenth of a mill upon each dollar of the assessed value of all taxable property of the city unless the authorities having charge of the levying of taxes for school purposes in such last mentioned cities shall determine that a larger tax than one-tenth of a mill upon all taxable property of the city should be levied, in which event the amount so determined shall be levied, which shall in cities other than cities of the first class, in no event exceed three-tenths of a mill upon each dollar of the assessed value of all taxable property of the city. The tax shall be collected as other taxes are collected in the city and when so collected paid over to the treasurer of the association to be held and disbursed in accordance with the provisions of the plan so to be adopted.

Any such association formed by the teachers employed by any independent school district, in any city of the first class the territorial limits of which school district coincide with the territorial limits of such city, and the government of the independent school district, not provided for in the charter of the city, shall not pay to any beneficiary more than \$1,200 as an annuity in any one year, from public funds in addition to the annuity which the member's contributions with interest to the time of retirement, would provide, or the equivalent thereof; provided that on and after August 1, 1957, nothing in this section shall prevent such association from paying an aggregate annuity and pension of up to \$2,400 in any one year to any teacher who retired or retires on or after July 31, 1948, if such teacher is entitled to such amount under the articles of incorporation and bylaws of such association.

Provided, that after the date the members of such association are covered under the act of Congress approved August 14, 1955, Chapter 531, 49 Stat. 620, officially cited as the "Social Security Act," as such act has been and may be from time to time amended, the amount of taxes levied by or for such independent school district for the purpose of carrying out the plan of the retirement fund association shall not exceed in any one year four percent of the total annual payroll of the members of such association, as determined in September of each year, plus one percent of payroll to retire the unfunded liability existing on the date that Social Security goes into effect. Provided, further that after the date the members of such association are covered under said "Social Security Act" the limitations contained in this section relative to the maximum amount of yearly benefits that may be paid from public funds to any beneficiary may be increased or decreased at any time by the members of the association in the plan for the association for the amendment of the articles of incorporation of the association, except that the benefits to be provided by

the association shall be limited to those which an actuarial valuation shows may be supported by the contributions of members and taxes levied for the purpose of carrying out the plan of the association not exceeding the limit herein provided. If the members of the association vote not to be covered by social security, the figure of \$1,200 set forth in this section shall be amended to read \$1,500, and the figure of \$2,400 set forth above in this section shall be amended to read \$3,000.

This enactment shall not affect the annuities or rights to annuities of any members of such association who, at the time of this enactment, are being paid annuities, or any members who now are, or, prior to July 31, 1948, will be eligible to retirement, and shall have retired prior to that date; and, at the time the association shall certify to the board of education in any year the amount necessary to be raised by taxation, it shall file with the clerk of the board an itemized statement of its assets and liabilities at the close of the fiscal year, an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements for the year, and a list of the annuities paid during the year; and all the records of such association shall be open to reasonable public inspection.

[1909 c 343 s 6; 1911 c 383; 1917 c 300; 1919 c 144; 1921 c 303; 1923 c 310; 1935 c 111 s 2; 1945 c 390 s 2; 1949 c 523 s 1; 1955 c 722 s 1; 1957 c 655 s 1] (1363)

354.201 STATE AID FOR BENEFITS. Subdivision 1. The provisions of this section apply to teachers retirement fund associations and the benefits provided thereby in cities of the first class in which the teaching body thereof has established and incorporated such an association under the provisions of sections 354.15 to 354.23.

Subd. 2. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of section 354.20, before the proper officials of the association make the certification to the authorities having charge of levying taxes for school purposes as provided in section 354.20, and in no case later than September 15 of each year, it shall furnish a copy of the certification which it proposes to make to the state auditor and at the same time furnish the state auditor with the number of teachers in the association who are currently contributing to the fund of such association, the amount of the annual salary of each of such teachers, the amount of each teacher's contribution and such other information as the state auditor may from time to time require.

From such information the state auditor shall determine the state's obligation as prescribed in subdivision 3 and shall pay the same to the association from the general fund in the state treasury and so much thereof as may be necessary to annually make such payment is hereby appropriated to the state auditor for such purpose. This payment shall be made no later than October 15 of each year. When the association receives such payment from the state auditor it shall deduct the amount thereof from the amount it proposes to certify to the proper authorities having charge of the levying of taxes for school purposes as provided for in section 354.20 and the amount necessary to raise by taxation in order to carry out the retirement plan of the association shall be reduced by the amount of the state's payment.

Subd. 3. The state's obligation under this section to a teachers retirement fund association in a city of the first class is an amount equal to the average amount, expressed as a percentage of payroll, that the state of Minnesota is required to pay annually for all contributing members of the state teachers retirement association including social security taxes. This percentage of payroll shall be based on annual estimated payroll amounts and certification information prepared by the state teachers retirement fund association for the current year, including social security taxes paid the previous year. This percentage of payroll shall be applied to total salary as reported in the annual salary information furnished by each teachers retirement association in a city of the first class to the state auditor in compliance with subdivision 2 to determine the state's obligation to each teachers retirement fund association in each city of the first class. Any amount by which subsequent actual experience may deviate from the amounts allocated through the foregoing estimates shall be adjusted on succeeding allocations to said associations in cities of the first class. In no event shall the state's obligation be in excess of the amount required to be certified by such associations under applicable law to the proper authorities who have charge of the levying of taxes for school purposes.

Subd. 4. The allocation of the state auditor to a teachers retirement fund association in a city of the first class as provided in subdivision 3 shall be reduced by an amount obtained by applying the percentage of payroll calculated in subdi-

vision 3 to that portion of salaries paid from sources other than normal school operating funds as defined in section 354.05, subdivision 27. Before such allocation may be made, each teachers retirement fund association in a city of the first class shall furnish to the state auditor a satisfactory certification which shows the total of all salaries paid which are subject to teachers retirement deductions. Such certification shall also show the total amount of salaries paid from normal school operating funds and the total amount of salaries paid from sources other than normal school operating funds as defined in section 354.05, subdivision 27. For each individual salary included in the total of all salaries paid from sources other than normal school operating funds as defined in section 354.05, subdivision 27, the certification shall show each person's name, his salary or related portion of salary and amount of employer contributions determined by applying the percentage of payroll calculated in subdivision 3 to such salary. Such amount of related employer contributions shall be remitted to the state teachers retirement association by the state auditor until the amount of these remittances and those described in section 354.43, subdivision 3 are equal to the social security receivable as defined in section 354.05, subdivision 29.

[*Ex*1967 c 32 art 3 s 3; 1969 c 328 s 1, 2; 1969 c 399 s 45; 1969 c 485 s 38; 1971 c 335 s 2]

354.21 POWER TO HOLD PROPERTY. Any such association so to be formed shall be empowered to receive, hold, and dispose of real estate or personal property acquired by it, either by gift or purchase or in any other lawful way, as provided by its articles of association so to be adopted, as herein provided.

[1909 c. 343 s. 7] (1364)

354.22 PRO RATA DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS. The plan may provide in the event that the funds of the association are not sufficient to pay annuities in full, as provided in the plan, in any particular year, that the amount available shall be prorated between those entitled to receive the same.

[1909 c. 343 s. 8] (1365)

354.23 TEACHERS; EXTENSION TO EMPLOYEES OF ASSOCIATION. The word "teachers," as used in sections 354.15 to 354.23, includes superintendents, supervisors, principals, as well as instructors, who are in the employ of the board of education or board of school inspectors in the city mentioned in sections 354.15 to 354.23, and the plan or articles of incorporation of any such association heretofore established or hereafter established may also provide by amendment thereto, or otherwise, that it shall include employees and former, or retired employees of such association, provided however, that no employee, former or retired employee who has a credit or credits to his account as a municipal employee under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 422, shall be required to become a member of any such association unless he has given written notice to such association and to the retirement board of the municipality with which he has such a credit within two years after becoming eligible to such membership of his desire to avail himself of the provisions of sections 354.15 to 354.23 and become a member of such association. Upon so electing, the city treasurer and retirement board of the municipality with which such employee or former or retired employee so has a credit, shall transfer and pay over to such association all of the moneys remaining to the credit of such employee, former or retired employee, whereupon he shall become a member of such association, and such moneys shall be held by and applied toward his benefit in accordance with the articles of incorporation and by-laws of such association. The retirement fund so paying over and transferring said moneys shall thereupon be relieved of all further liability and responsibility to such employee, former or retired employee, of any nature whatsoever arising out of his former contributions to, credits, or participation in, the municipal pension and retirement plan adopted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 422.

No employee of a teachers' retirement fund association to whom sections 354.15 to 354.23 hereafter apply in accordance with this section, shall be required or permitted to become a member of any retirement fund or relief association or to contribute to any fund established for such purpose except a fund established pursuant to the terms of sections 354.15 to 354.23.

[1909 c 343 s 9; 1955 c 10 s 1] (1366)

354.231 CERTAIN MONEYS AND CREDITS OF TEACHERS EXEMPT. All moneys deposited by a teacher or member or deposited by any other person or corporation, municipal or private, to the credit of such teacher or member in a

corporation organized as a "Teachers Retirement Fund Association" under sections 354.17 to 354.23, and all moneys, rights, and interests or annuities due or to become due to such teacher, member, or annuitant, or their beneficiaries, from any such association shall not be assignable, shall be exempt from garnishment, attachment, and execution or sale on any final process issued from any court and shall not be subject to the inheritance tax provisions of this state if transferred to a surviving spouse or minor or dependent child of the decedent or a trust for their benefit.

[1939 c 72 s 1; 1967 c 605 s 1; 1971 c 789 s 7] (1366-2)

354.31 SCOPE AND APPLICATION. Sections 354.31 to 354.39 apply to any member of the teachers retirement association included in any agreement or modification made between the state and secretary of health, education and welfare, making the provisions of the federal old age and survivors insurance act applicable to such members. Sections 354.31 to 354.39 also apply to any school district or institution employing such member. Except as otherwise specifically provided in sections 354.31 to 354.39, the provisions of sections 354.05 to 354.14 and 354.41 to 354.55, and acts amendatory thereof, shall apply.

[Ex1957 c 15 s 1; Ex1959 c 50 s 6; 1963 c 845 s 2]

354.32 CONTRIBUTIONS BY EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE. Subdivision 1. The employee contribution to the teachers retirement fund shall be an amount equal to three and one half percent of the salary of every member. This contribution shall be made by deduction from salary. Where any portion of a member's salary is paid from other than public funds, such member's employee contribution shall be based on the entire salary received. For the purposes of financing the various options related to the variable annuity division, employee variable annuity contributions will be credited in accordance with section 354.62, subdivision 2.

Subd. 2. The employer contribution to the fund shall be an amount equal to three and one half percent of the salary of each member. For purposes of financing the various options related to the variable annuity division employer contributions equal to the employee variable annuity contributions prescribed in section 354.62, subdivision 2, will be allocated at the same time to the employer variable annuity contribution account in section 354.62, subdivision 3.

Subd. 3. An additional employer contribution of two percent shall be made to the fund based on the salary of each member for the purpose of amortizing the deficit in the fund.

[Ex1957 c 15 s 2; Ex1959 c 50 s 29; 1965 c 821 s 3-5; 1967 c 834 s 2; 1969 c 485 s 7]

354.33 COMPUTATION OF RETIREMENT ANNUITIES. Subdivision 1. (1) The amount of the retirement annuity is an amount equal to the annuity which could be purchased by the member's accumulated deductions, the employer's contribution, and interest. The retirement purchase rates shall be based on the 1937 standard annuity table of mortality set back two years, with interest at the rate of three and one half percent and calculated separately as to sex. The accumulated deductions, employer's contribution and interest earned shall be computed as follows:

(a) double the member's accumulated deductions plus interest to July 1, 1957, and

(b) the member's accumulated deductions plus interest credited to the member's account from July 1, 1957 to date of retirement, plus 20 percent of this sum, and

(c) the employer's contributions in an amount equal to the member's accumulated deductions from July 1, 1957, to date of retirement plus interest credited to the member's account from July 1, 1957, to date of retirement.

(2) Each member who is covered under clause (1) of this subdivision who elects the variable annuity option shall have the sum of any benefits provided herein and the variable annuity benefits provided in section 354.62, subdivision 5.

Subd. 2. The provisions of subdivisions 3 and 4 apply to any member covered by social security pursuant to a referendum authorized by section 355.42, paragraph (e).

Subd. 3. When any person retires who, on July 1, 1957 had ten or more years of allowable service as a member and who does not qualify for old age and survivors primary benefits, he shall have the option to receive the annuity provided in subdivision 1 or the annuity provided in Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 135.01 to 135.13, as amended by Laws 1955.

Subd. 4. When any person retires who, on July 1, 1957, has ten or more years of allowable service as a member, he shall receive in addition to the annuity provided

in subdivision 1, an amount which when added to his old age survivors insurance primary benefit equals the annuity he would have received under Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 135.01 to 135.13, as amended by Laws 1955.

Subd. 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 1 when any person retires who (a) on July 1, 1959 had ten or more years of allowable service, and (b) does not have any retroactive social security coverage by reason of his position in the retirement system, and (c) does not qualify for old age and survivor primary benefits at the time of retirement, the annuity shall be computed under section 354.44.

Subd. 6. When any person retires and whose annuity is computed under section 354.33 as a result of (1) his transfer from public school teaching to state college teaching, and/or; (2) not rendering teaching service within a fiscal year; shall have his annuity computed under section 354.44 for such service formerly covered under section 354.44.

Subd. 7. (1) The formula retirement annuity hereunder shall be computed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the formula stated in clause (2) hereof on the basis of each member's average salary on which contributions were made for the period of his formula service credit. For the purposes of computing the formula benefits in subdivisions 7 and 8, if a combination of these formulas is used, the formula percentages used will be those percentages in each formula as continued for the respective years of service from one formula to the next.

(a) For years of formula service credit prior to July 1, 1957, average salary for the purpose of determining the member's retirement annuity means the amount equivalent to the average salary upon which contributions were made limited to a maximum of \$4800 for each year for the last two years of formula service prior to that date.

(b) For each year of formula service credit subsequent to June 30, 1957, "average salary" of a member for the purpose of determining his retirement annuity means his salary upon which contributions were made and upon which payments were made to increase the salary limitation provided in section 354.511 not exceeding in any one year \$7200 through June 30, 1967, and his total salary in each year thereafter for which he had made contributions to the retirement fund.

(2) The average salary as defined in clause (1) hereof, of any member multiplied by the applicable percentages indicated below shall determine the amount of the annuity to which the member qualifying therefor is entitled:

(a) Years of Formula Service Credit Earned Prior to July 1, 1969.	Percentages at the Rate of:
(1) First ten years	.625 percent per year of service
(2) Second ten years or fractional part thereof less than such period	1.25 percent per year of service
(3) Third ten years or fractional part thereof less than such period	1.7 percent per year of service
(4) Subsequent years or fractional part thereof	2.4 percent per year of service
(b) Years of Formula Service Credit Earned Subsequent to July 1, 1969 to date of retirement or to the effective date of the election of another option.	Percentages at the Rate of:
(1) First ten years	.625 percent per year of service
(2) Second ten years or fractional part thereof less than such period	1.4 percent per year of service
(3) Third ten years or fractional part thereof less than such period	1.9 percent per year of service
(4) Subsequent years or fractional part thereof	2.45 percent per year of service

(3) Where any member retires prior to age 65 under a formula annuity, he shall be paid a retirement annuity in an amount equal to the normal annuity provided in subdivisions 7 and 8, reduced by one half of one percent for each month that the member is under age 65 to and including age 60 and reduced by one fourth of one percent for each month under age 60 at the time of retirement.

Subd. 8. The benefits provided in this subdivision are the sum of the benefits provided by the following:

(1) The benefits provided in subdivision 7 for formula service credit to the effective date of the election of this subdivision; and

(2) The benefits for service credit subsequent to the effective date of the election of this subdivision shall be the average salary as defined in subdivision 7, clause (1) of any member multiplied by the applicable percentages indicated below:

(a) Years of Formula Service Credit Earned Subsequent to the date of the election of this subdivision	Percentages at the Rate of:
(1) First ten years	.36 percent per year of service
(2) Second ten years or fractional part thereof less than such period	.8 percent per year of service
(3) Third ten years or fractional part thereof less than such period	1.1 percent per year of service
(4) Subsequent years or fractional part thereof	1.4 percent per year of service

and (3) the benefits provided in section 354.62, subdivision 5.

Subd. 9. The benefits provided in this subdivision are the sum of any benefits provided in subdivision 1, and the benefits provided in section 354.62, subdivision 5 except that if a member repays a refundment pursuant to section 354.50 and makes an election pursuant to section 354.145, subdivision 1, clause (4), the benefit related to the repayment of such refundment will be calculated according to subdivisions 7 or 8.

[*Ex1957 c 15 s 3; Ex1959 c 50 s 23, 26; 1963 c 586 s 1; 1965 c 804 s 1; 1965 c 821 s 6; 1967 c 3 s 1; 1969 c 485 s 8, 9; 1971 c 40 s 10-12*]

354.34 OPTIONAL RETIREMENT ANNUITIES; UNPAID ANNUITIES, DISPOSITION. Subdivision 1. The retirement board shall establish optional annuities at retirement which shall take the form of an annuity payable for a period certain and for life thereafter; or as a joint and survivor annuity. The board shall also establish an optional annuity which shall take the form of a guaranteed refund annuity paying the annuitant a fixed amount for life with the guarantee that in the event of death the balance of the accumulated deductions will be paid to the designated beneficiary. Such optional forms shall be actuarially equivalent to the normal forms. In establishing these optional forms the board shall obtain the written recommendation of an approved actuary and these recommendations shall be a part of the permanent records of the board.

Subd. 2. Upon the death of the member after retirement where no designated beneficiary shall survive the member, any remaining unpaid guaranteed annuity payments shall be commuted at three percent interest and paid in one sum to the estate of the member. Upon the death of any designated beneficiary after the death of the member, the value of any unpaid guaranteed annuity payments shall be commuted at three percent interest and paid in one sum to the estate of such designated beneficiary.

[*Ex1957 c 15 s 4; Ex1959 c 50 s 9; Ex1961 c 17 s 9; 1963 c 845 s 3*]

NOTE: See also section 354.45.

354.35 RETIREMENT BEFORE BECOMING ELIGIBLE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY. Any member who retires before he is eligible for social security retirement benefits, may elect to receive retirement benefits from the association in an amount greater than his annuity computed on the basis of his age when he retires provided in section 354.33. He shall exercise this option by making an application to the board on a form provided by the board. This greater amount shall be the actuarial equivalent of the member's annuity computed on the basis of his age when he retires. The greater amount shall be paid until the member reaches the age of 65 at which time the payment from the association shall be reduced. These annuities provided in this section shall be computed by an approved actuary.

[*Ex1957 c 15 s 5*]

354.36 PAYMENTS AFTER DEATH. Subdivision 1. Where a member dies before retirement: (1) Who is covered under the provisions of section 354.33, subdivision 1, there shall be paid to his surviving dependent spouse or, if there is no surviving dependent spouse, to his designated beneficiary an amount equal to his accumulated deductions plus interest credited his account to the date of death. When

the member has attained the age of at least 55 with not less than 20 years of allowable service, or who has received credit for not less than 30 years of allowable service regardless of age, he has the option to make an election for his surviving dependent spouse, the member's accumulated deductions plus interest provided herein, or a joint and survivor annuity as provided in section 354.34 and computed as in section 354.33, subdivision 1.

(2) Who is covered under the provisions of section 354.33, subdivisions 7 to 9, there shall be paid to his surviving dependent spouse or, if there is no surviving dependent spouse, to his designated beneficiary an amount equal to his accumulated deductions credited to his account as of June 30, 1957 and from July 1, 1957 to date of death his accumulated deductions plus interest at the rate of three and one half percent per annum compounded annually. When the member has attained the age of at least 55 with not less than 20 years of allowable service, or who has received credit for not less than 30 years of allowable service regardless of age, he has the option to make an election for his surviving dependent spouse, the member's accumulated deductions plus interest provided herein, or a joint and survivor annuity as provided in section 354.34 and computed as in section 354.33, subdivision 7 or 8.

(3) The amounts payable in clauses (1) or (2) are in addition to the amounts payable in section 354.62, subdivision 5, from the member's variable annuity account.

Subd. 2. Where a former member dies after retirement a death benefit shall be paid in accordance with his optional annuity selected pursuant to section 354.34 or any other reversionary annuity selected by the member before retirement.

Subd. 3. Under the terms of sections 354.31 to 354.39 there are no survivors benefits payable as such to the surviving spouse or dependent children of any deceased member. However any member may provide for payments to a surviving spouse or any dependent child by selecting an appropriate annuity payable after his death to any such person in the manner authorized by the board as provided in section 354.34.

[*Ex1957 c 15 s 6; Ex1961 c 17 s 10; 1967 c 604 s 1; 1969 c 485 s 10; 1971 c 40 s 13*]

354.37 DISABILITY BENEFITS. Subdivision 1. The disability benefit granted to members covered under section 354.33, subdivision 1, clauses (1) or (2) or section 354.33, subdivision 9, shall be computed in the manner provided in section 354.48, without the supplementary benefit therein referred to and in accordance with the law in effect when the disability application is received. The total disability benefit paid from the retirement fund shall be limited to 50 percent of the salary upon which it is based. Members whose total and permanent disability shall have been established prior to July 1, 1961, shall continue to receive the disability benefits provided by the law then in effect so long as the total and permanent disability continues.

Subd. 2. The disability benefit granted to members covered under section 354.33, subdivision 7 or 8, shall be computed in the same manner as the annuity provided in subdivision 7 or 8 whichever is applicable of the same section. The disability benefit shall be the formula annuity without the reduction for each month the member is under age 65 at the time the benefit begins to accrue.

[*Ex1957 c 15 s 7; Ex1959 c 50 s 31; 1961 c 597 s 2; 1963 c 845 s 4; 1969 c 485 s 11*]

354.38 MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT. After any agreement or modification is made pursuant to section 354.39, an employee given a leave of absence to enter military service and who returns to teaching service upon discharge from military service as provided in section 192.262 shall obtain credit for his period of military service but he shall not receive credit for any voluntary extension of military service at the instance of the member beyond the initial period of enlistment, induction or call to active duty. Such member shall obtain such credit by paying into the fund an employee contribution based upon his salary at the date of return from military service. For service rendered prior to July 1, 1957, the amount of this contribution shall be an amount equal to six percent of his salary multiplied by the number of years of such military service, together with interest thereon at the rate of four percent per annum from the time such military service was rendered to the first date of payment. The payments hereunder shall not exceed \$175 per year for any service rendered prior to July 1, 1953, \$216 per year for service rendered during the period July 1, 1953 through June 30, 1955, \$288 per year for service rendered during the period July 1, 1955 through June 30, 1957. For service rendered during the period July 1, 1957 through June 30, 1969, the amount of his contribution shall be an amount equal to three percent of his salary multiplied

by the number of years of such military service, together with interest thereon at the rate of four percent per annum from the time such military service was rendered to the first date of payment. Such payments shall not exceed \$216 per year for any service rendered prior to July 1, 1967. For service rendered subsequent to July 1, 1969 the amount of his contribution shall be an amount equal to three and one half percent of his salary multiplied by the number of years of such military service, together with interest thereon at the rate of four percent per annum from the time such military service was rendered to the first date of payment. In such cases the employer contribution and additional contribution provided in section 354.32 shall be paid by the state in the manner provided in section 354.43. Payment for military service which is part of any agreement signed by a member in accordance with section 354.51, subdivision 2, is not subject to the provisions of this section.

[*Ex1957 c 15 s 8; Ex1959 c 50 s 7; 1965 c 821 s 7; 1967 c 834 s 3; 1971 c 40 s 14*]

354.39 EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION. Sections 354.31 to 354.39 take effect on the date any agreement or modification is made between the state and the secretary of health, education and welfare making such agreement or modification applicable to service performed in positions covered by the teachers retirement association. Sections 354.31 to 354.39 shall apply to any coverage group consisting of members of the teachers retirement association included in any such agreement or modification.

[*Ex1957 c 15 s 9; Ex1959 c 50 s 46*]

354.41 TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION, ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP. Subdivision 1. The teachers retirement fund created by Minnesota Statutes, Sections 354.05 to 354.10, is confirmed and continued. Hereafter membership in the fund is referred to as membership in the association. The membership in the association consists only of teachers. Except as provided in this subdivision, any person who was a member of the association on June 30, 1957, shall continue his membership with the association.

Subd. 2. Every teacher after June 30, 1957, in the service or entering the service of the state or its governmental subdivision as a teacher, except persons specially excluded, shall become a member of the association by the acceptance of such employment.

Subd. 3. (1) Each annuitant, age 60 or over, who is drawing an annuity pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 135.10 and Minnesota Statutes 1965, Sections 354.44 and 354.33 shall have the right to have his membership in the fund restored upon resumption of teaching service, for the purpose of having deductions made in accordance with sections 354.32 and 355.48. Upon completion of five years of allowable service, under this subdivision the member shall be entitled to an annuity provided in section 354.33, subdivision 1. This annuity is in addition to any annuity previously granted under chapter 354.

(2) Any annuitant qualifying for membership in the fund under clause (1) may file a written notice with the executive secretary of the teachers retirement association requesting that deductions provided for in section 354.32 be made from compensation paid for subsequent teaching services. Such notice shall remain in effect until the annuitant requests in writing that this membership be revoked. After July 1, 1967, deductions pursuant to section 355.48 are required for any annuitant eligible for membership in the fund under clause (1). Teaching service rendered by an annuitant for which no deductions were made pursuant to section 354.32, shall not be included in any additional annuity granted pursuant to clause (1).

[*Ex1957 c 16 s 3; Ex1959 c 50 s 27, 28; 1967 c 693 s 1; 1971 c 40 s 15*]

354.42 TEACHERS RETIREMENT FUND, CONTRIBUTIONS BY EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE. Subdivision 1. There is a special fund known as the "teachers retirement fund" consisting of employee contributions, employer contributions, and other amounts authorized by law including amounts in the fund when Extra Session Laws 1957, Chapter 16 take effect. From this fund there is appropriated the payments authorized by Extra Session Laws 1957, Chapter 16 in the amounts, in the manner and at such time, provided herein.

Subd. 2. The employee contribution to the fund shall be an amount equal to seven percent of the salary of every member. This contribution shall be made by deduction from salary in the manner provided in subdivision 4. Where any portion of a member's salary is paid from other than public funds, such member's employee contri-

bution shall be based on the entire salary received. For purposes of financing the various options related to the variable annuity division, employee variable annuity contributions will be credited in accordance with section 354.62, subdivision 2.

Subd. 3. The employer contribution to the fund shall be an amount equal to seven percent of the salary. This contribution shall be made in the manner provided in section 354.43. For purposes of financing the various options related to the variable annuity division employer contributions equal to the employee variable annuity contributions prescribed in section 354.62, subdivision 2, will be allocated at the same time to the employer variable annuity contribution account in section 354.62, subdivision 3.

Subd. 4. [Repealed, 1969 c 485 s 40]

Subd. 5. An additional employer contribution shall be made in the amount of two percent of the salary of each member for the purpose of amortizing the deficit in the fund. This contribution shall be made in the manner provided in section 354.43.

Subd. 6. All contributions and all interest and other income of the association shall be credited to the appropriate funds or accounts herein provided. The retirement moneys in the funds or accounts shall be disbursed only for the purposes herein provided. The expenses of said association and the annuities upon retirement shall be paid only from the funds or accounts herein provided.

Subd. 7. (1) Any deductions taken from the salary of an employee for the retirement fund in error shall, upon discovery and verification by the school district or institution making the deduction, be refunded to the employee.

(2) In the event a salary warrant or check from which a deduction for the retirement fund was taken has been canceled or the amount of the warrant or check returned to the funds of the school district or institution making the payment, a refundment of the sum so deducted, or any portion of it as is required to adjust the deductions, shall be made to the school district or institution provided application for it is made on a form furnished by the retirement board.

[*Ex*1957 c 16 s 4; *Ex*1959 c 50 s 30; 1965 c 821 s 8-10; 1967 c 834 s 4-6; 1969 c 485 s 13-16]

354.43 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS, FINANCING. Subdivision 1. Except as provided in section 354.43, subdivision 3, at least once each month the board shall determine the amount of money necessary and presently needed to meet the state's obligation as provided in sections 354.05 to 354.14 and 354.31 to 354.61, and acts amendatory thereof, and shall certify the amount so determined to the state auditor. The amount so certified shall be transferred immediately to the teacher's retirement fund.

Subd. 2. To meet the state's obligation prescribed in subdivision 1, such moneys as are required therefor are appropriated annually to the state auditor from the general fund in the state treasury.

The moneys appropriated hereby to the state auditor shall be deposited by him in the state treasury to the credit of the teachers retirement fund.

Subd. 3. Each school district, state college, junior college and any other employing authority of members of the fund shall be obligated for employer contributions in accordance with the provisions of sections 354.32, subdivisions 2 and 3, 354.42, subdivisions 3 and 5, and 355.46, subdivision 3, as provided in this section. That portion of such employer contributions based on salaries paid from sources other than normal school operating funds as defined in section 354.05, subdivision 27 shall be remitted to the teachers retirement association. Such remittance shall be accompanied by a satisfactory certification which shows the total of all salaries paid which are subject to teachers retirement deductions. Such certification shall also show the total amount of salaries paid from normal school operating funds and the total amount of salaries paid from sources other than normal school operating funds as defined in section 354.05, subdivision 27. For each individual salary included in the total of all salaries paid from sources other than normal school operating funds as defined in section 354.05, subdivision 27, the certification shall show each person's name, his salary or related portion of salary and remittance of employer contributions related to such salary for each person included in the actual remittance.

Subd. 4. When the amount of such remittances described in section 354.201, subdivision 4 and subdivision 3 of this section is equal to the social security receivable as defined in section 354.05, subdivision 29, the board of trustees of the teachers retirement association shall reduce their certifications pursuant to sub-

division 1 of this section by an amount equal to the employing authorities' certifications and remittances as described in subdivision 3 of this section.

Subd. 5. Any excess employer contributions paid by the state in behalf of an employing authority of members of the fund as the result of a false or wrongful certification shall be the obligation of the employing authority which made such false or wrongful certification. Such excess employer contributions shall be recovered by the state by appropriate means including recovery from state aid or other funds payable to the employing authority.

[*Ex1957 c 16 s 5; Ex1959 c 50 s 8; 1961 c 745 s 2; 1965 c 821 s 15; Ex1967 c 32 art 3 s 2; 1969 c 399 s 46; 1969 c 485 s 17; 1971 c 535 s 3, 4*]

354.44 RETIREMENT BENEFITS. Subdivision 1. **Requirements as to age and service.** Any member or former member who ceases or has ceased to render teaching services either before or after July 1, 1959 in any school or institution covered by Minnesota Statutes, Sections 354.05 to 354.14 and 354.31 to 354.55, and acts amendatory thereof, and who has attained the age of at least 55 years with not less than ten years allowable service, or who has received credit for not less than 30 years allowable service regardless of age, is entitled upon written application to a retirement annuity.

Subd. 2. **Computation of money purchase annuity.** The amount of retirement annuity is an amount equal to double the annuity which could be purchased by the member's accumulated deductions plus interest thereon. The annuity shall be determined by the member's age, his sex, double the amount of his accumulated deductions, double the interest earned on the accumulated deductions, and the appropriate mortality tables and interest rates. For the purpose of determining the amount of the annuity, the accumulated deductions prior to July 1, 1957, and the accumulated deductions subsequent to July 1, 1957, shall be considered separately.

(1) For service rendered prior to July 1, 1957, the accumulated deductions for any member shall be carried forward at a fixed amount which is shown credited to his account as of that date. That fixed amount shall also include any payments in lieu of salary deductions which are to be made in the future and are actually so made pursuant to an agreement executed between the member and the board as authorized by section 354.50 or any other authorized payments made by the member to the fund. The annuity granted with respect to such period shall be determined by the following:

(a) The fixed amount of the accumulated deductions for such period including the interest credited thereon as earned up to July 1, 1957.

(b) Annuity purchase rates based on the mortality tables and interest assumption used by the board prior to July 1, 1957, calculated separately as to sex.

(2) For service rendered subsequent to July 1, 1957, the accumulated deductions for any member shall consist of the amounts actually credited to his account by reason of salary deductions. The annuity granted with respect to such period shall be determined by the following:

(a) accumulated deductions for such period;

(b) interest credited on these accumulated deductions from July 1, 1957, to the date of retirement;

(c) interest credited on accumulated deductions including prior credited interest provided in paragraph (1) from July 1, 1957, to the date of retirement;

(d) after the amount available for an annuity granted with respect to such person is determined in accordance with the provisions of this subdivision, an additional amount equal to 20 percent of the sum of clause (2) (a) plus interest credited to members account from July 1, 1957 to date of retirement is to be added. This added amount is not to be doubled as provided for other amounts determined in this subdivision;

(e) annuity purchase rate based on the 1937 standard annuity table of mortality set back two years and calculated separately as to sex, with an interest assumption of three and one half percent.

(3) Each member who is covered under this subdivision who elects a variable annuity option shall have the sum of any benefits provided herein and the benefits provided in section 354.62, subdivision 5.

Subd. 3. **Application for retirement.** Retirement may be made upon application of the member or of some one acting in his behalf.

Subd. 4. **Time and manner of payments.** A member may make application to the board for a retirement annuity any time after his teaching service has ter-

minated and he has satisfied the age and service requirements of this chapter for retirement. The annuity payment shall begin to accrue from the first day of the month following the date the application is filed with the board.

Subd. 5. Resumption of teaching. A teacher who has purchased an annuity under any provision of any retirement law applicable to schools and institutions covered by sections 354.05 to 354.14 and 354.31 to 354.55 and acts amendatory thereof and has thereafter resumed teaching in any school or institution to which such sections apply shall continue to receive payments in accordance with such annuity except that during any quarter in which his income from such teaching service exceeds the sum of \$800; the amount in excess of \$800 shall be deducted from the annuity payable for the quarter immediately following the quarter in which the excess amount was earned. After a member has reached the age of 72 he shall receive his annuity in full regardless of the amount of income.

Subd. 6. (1) The formula retirement annuity hereunder shall be computed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the formula stated in clause (2) hereof on the basis of each member's average salary for the period of his formula service credit. For the purposes of computing the formula benefits in subdivisions 6 and 7, if a combination of these formulas is used, the formula percentages used will be those percentages in each formula as continued for the respective years of service from one formula to the next.

(a) For years of formula service credit prior to July 1, 1957, average salary for the purpose of determining the member's retirement annuity means the amount equivalent to the average of his salary upon which contributions were made limited to a maximum of \$4800 for each year for the last two years of formula service prior to that date.

(b) For each year of formula service credit subsequent to June 30, 1957, "average salary" of a member for the purpose of determining his retirement annuity means his salary upon which contributions were made and upon which payments were made to increase the salary limitation provided in section 354.511 not exceeding in any one year \$7200 through June 30, 1967, and his total salary in each year thereafter for which he had made contributions to the retirement fund.

(2) The average salary as defined in clause (1), of any member multiplied by the applicable percentages indicated below shall determine the amount of the annuity to which the member qualifying therefor is entitled:

(a) Years of Formula Service Credit Earned Prior to July 1, 1969.	Percentages at the Rate of:
(1) First ten years	1.0 percent per year of service
(2) Second ten years or fractional part thereof less than such period	2.0 percent per year of service
(3) Third ten years or fractional part thereof less than such period	2.5 percent per year of service
(4) Subsequent years or fractional part thereof	3.0 percent per year of service
(b) Years of Formula Service Credit Earned Subsequent to July 1, 1969 to date of retirement or to the effective date of the election of another option.	Percentages at the Rate of:

(1) First ten years	1.2 percent per year of service
(2) Second ten years or fractional part thereof less than such period	2.4 percent per year of service
(3) Third ten years or fractional part thereof less than such period	3.0 percent per year of service
(4) Subsequent years or fractional part thereof	3.6 percent per year of service

(3) Where any member retires prior to age 65 under a formula annuity, he shall be paid a retirement annuity in an amount equal to the normal annuity provided in subdivisions 6 and 7, reduced by one half of one percent for each month that the member is under age 65 to and including age 60 and reduced by one fourth of one percent for each month under age 60 at the time of retirement.

Subd. 7. The benefits provided in this subdivision are the sum of the benefits provided by the following:

(1) The benefits provided in subdivision 6(2) for formula service credit to the effective date of the election of this subdivision, and

(2) The benefits for service credit subsequent to the effective date of the election of this subdivision shall be the average salary as defined in subdivision 6, clause (1) of any member multiplied by the applicable percentages indicated below:

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| (a) Years of Formula Service Credit | Percentages at the Rate of: |
| Earned Subsequent to the date of the election of this subdivision | |
| (1) First ten years | .6 percent per year of service |
| (2) Second ten years or fractional part thereof less than such period | 1.2 percent per year of service |
| (3) Third ten years or fractional part thereof less than such period | 1.5 percent per year of service |
| (4) Subsequent years or fractional part thereof | 1.8 percent per year of service |

and (3) the benefits provided in section 354.62, subdivision 5.

[*Ex1957 c 16 s 6; Ex1959 c 50 s 10-12; 1961 c 745 s 3; Ex1961 c 17 s 11; 1963 c 246 s 1; 1965 c 821 s 11; 1967 c 693 s 2; 1969 c 485 s 18, 19; 1971 c 40 s 16*]

354.45 OPTIONAL RETIREMENT ANNUITIES; UNPAID ANNUITIES, DISPOSITION. Subdivision 1. The retirement board shall establish optional annuities at retirement which shall take the form of an annuity payable for a period certain and for life thereafter; or as a joint and survivor annuity. The board shall also establish an optional annuity which shall take the form of a guaranteed refund annuity paying the annuitant a fixed amount for life with the guarantee that in the event of death the balance of the accumulated deductions will be paid to the designated beneficiary. Such optional forms shall be actuarially equivalent to the normal forms provided in section 354.44. In establishing these optional forms the board shall obtain the written recommendation of an approved actuary and these recommendations shall be a part of the permanent records of the board.

Subd. 2. Upon the death of the member after retirement where no designated beneficiary shall survive the member, any remaining unpaid guaranteed annuity payments shall be commuted at three and one half percent interest and paid in one sum to the estate of the member. Upon the death of the last designated beneficiary after the death of the member, the value of any unpaid guaranteed annuity payments shall be commuted at three and one half percent interest and paid in one sum to the estate of such designated beneficiary.

[*Ex1957 c 16 s 7; Ex1961 c 17 s 12; 1963 c 845 s 5; 1971 c 40 s 17*]

NOTE: See also section 354.34.

354.46 PAYMENTS AFTER DEATH. Subdivision 1. **Benefits for spouse and children of teacher.** Upon the death of a member before retirement or upon the death of a former member who was disabled and receiving disability benefits pursuant to section 354.48 at the time of his death, who has had at least 18 months of allowable service, his surviving dependent spouse and dependent children under the age of 18 shall receive the monthly benefit provided below. Where a member died on or after July 1, 1955, leaving any dependent child, such dependent child shall receive the benefits provided in this subdivision commencing from and after the effective date of Extra Session Laws 1957, Chapter 16.

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| (a) Surviving dependent spouse | 30 percent of the member's monthly average salary not to exceed \$65 per month. |
| (b) Each dependent child | 20 percent of the member's monthly average salary not to exceed \$45 per month. |

In addition to the amounts provided in (a) and (b) hereof, 10 percent of the member's monthly average salary not to exceed \$20 per month shall be paid to be divided equally among the dependent children. Payments for the benefit of any dependent child under the age of 18 years shall be made to the surviving parent, or if there be none, to the legal guardian of such child. The maximum monthly benefit shall not exceed \$250 for any one family. The surviving dependent spouse benefit shall terminate upon his or her remarriage, and the dependent children's benefit shall be reduced pro tanto when any child is no longer dependent.

If the member and the surviving dependent spouse are killed in a common

disaster and if the total of all survivors benefits paid under this subdivision is less than the accumulated deductions plus interest payable, the surviving children shall receive the difference in a lump sum payment.

Any survivor of a member whose average salary was less than \$75 per month shall not be entitled to the benefits provided in this subdivision. If the survivor benefits provided in this subdivision exceed in total the monthly average salary of the deceased member, these benefits shall be reduced to an amount equal to the deceased member's monthly average salary.

Subd. 2. Surviving dependent spouse. If an election as provided in this subdivision has been made, upon the death of a member before retirement, his surviving dependent spouse shall be paid a joint and survivor annuity as provided in section 354.45 and computed as in section 354.44, subdivision 2, or in subdivisions 6 or 7. The joint and survivor annuity provided herein shall be elected by the member after he has attained the age of at least 55 with not less than 20 years of allowable service, or who has received credit for not less than 30 years of allowable service regardless of age. Except as otherwise provided in section 354.55, subdivision 2, the surviving dependent spouse shall receive the benefits provided in subdivision 1 or the annuity provided in subdivision 2 but not both. If any member has made an election pursuant to this subdivision and elects to be covered under section 354.62, the annuity based on his variable account accumulations shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of section 354.62, subdivision 5.

Subd. 3. Payment after death of retiree. If a former member dies after his retirement, there shall be paid to his surviving spouse or dependent children if no spouse survives, or to the designated beneficiary if there be no spouse or surviving children, an amount equal to the annuity payment computed to the date of death if no optional or reversionary annuity was designated by the member. If more than one dependent child qualifies, this amount shall be divided equally among the dependent children.

Subd. 4. Death in special cases. If a member died after June 30, 1957, and was receiving disability benefits as provided in section 354.48, at the time of his death, his survivors shall be entitled to the benefits provided in subdivision 1 from and after June 30, 1961. If any such survivor received a refundment after the death of such a person, the refundment shall be repaid to the fund before the survivors benefits provided herein are payable.

[*Ex1957 c 16 s 8; Ex1959 c 50 s 13, 14, 47; 1961 c 737 s 1-3; 1967 c 604 s 2; 1969 c 485 s 20; 1971 c 40 s 18; 1971 c 86 s 1*]

354.47 REFUNDMENT AFTER DEATH. Subdivision 1. **Death before retirement.** (1) If a member dies before retirement and is covered under the provisions of section 354.44, subdivision 2, and neither an optional annuity, nor reversionary annuity, nor the benefit described in section 354.46, subdivision 1 is payable, there shall be paid to his surviving dependent spouse or if there is no surviving dependent spouse to his designated beneficiary an amount equal to his accumulated deductions with interest credited to his account to the date of death.

(2) If a member dies before retirement and is covered under the provisions of section 354.44, subdivisions 6 and 7, and neither an optional annuity nor reversionary annuity is payable, there shall be paid to his surviving dependent spouse or if there is no surviving dependent spouse to his designated beneficiary an amount equal to his accumulated deductions credited to his account as of June 30, 1957 and from July 1, 1957 to the date of death his accumulated deductions plus interest at the rate of three and one half percent per annum compounded annually.

(3) The amounts payable in clauses (1) or (2) are in addition to the amount payable in section 354.62, subdivision 5, for the member's variable annuity account.

Subd. 2. Benefits of \$500 or less. If a member or a former member dies without having designated a beneficiary, or if the beneficiary should die before making application for the refundment to the credit of such deceased member or former member, and the amount of the benefit is \$500 or less, the retirement board may 90 days after the date of death of the member or former member in the absence of probate proceedings make payment to the surviving spouse of the deceased member or former members, or, if none to the next of kin under the laws of descent of the state of Minnesota and such payment shall be a bar to recovery by any other person or persons. Any retirement allowance or annuity which shall have accrued at the time of death of an annuitant may be paid in like manner.

Subd. 3. **Option to receive benefits in installments.** The beneficiary or surviving spouse of any deceased member or former member entitled to receive a refundment shall have the option of having the amount due him paid in monthly installments in such amounts as may be agreed upon with the retirement board.

[*Ex*1957 c 16 s 9; *Ex*1959 c 50 s 48; *Ex*1961 c 17 s 13; 1963 c 845 s 6; 1965 c 821 s 12; 1969 c 485 s 21; 1971 c 40 s 19]

354.48 PERMANENT DISABILITY BENEFITS. Subdivision 1. **Age, service and salary requirements.** Where any member became totally and permanently disabled after at least ten years of allowable service or after age 50 with five years of allowable service, whichever is sooner, he shall be entitled to a disability benefit in an amount provided in subdivision 3. If such disabled person's teaching service has terminated at any time, at least five of the required ten years of allowable service must have been rendered after last becoming a member. Any member whose average salary is less than \$75 per month shall not be entitled to disability benefits.

Subd. 2. **Applications.** This benefit shall begin to accrue 90 days following the commencement of disability or from the first day of the month following the date the written application for disability benefit has been filed with the board whichever is later. If salary is being received for either annual or sick leave during said period, payments shall accrue from the date salary ceases.

Subd. 3. **Computation of benefits.** (1) The amount of the disability benefit granted to members covered under section 354.44, subdivision 2, clause (1) and (2) or clause (3) is an amount equal to double the annuity which could be purchased by the member's accumulated deductions plus interest thereon computed as though the teacher were age 65 at the time the benefit begins to accrue and in accordance with the law in effect when the disability application is received.

The benefit granted shall be determined by the following:

- (a) The amount of the accumulated deductions;
- (b) Interest actually earned on these accumulated deductions to the date the benefit begins to accrue;
- (c) Interest for the years from the date the benefit begins to accrue to the date such member attains age 65 at the rate which is the average rate credited for the five years prior to the date the benefit begins to accrue;
- (d) Annuity purchase rates based on the 1937 standard annuity table of mortality set back two years and calculated separately as to sex with interest assumption of three and one half percent.

In addition a supplementary monthly benefit shall be paid in accordance with the following table:

Age When Benefit Begins to Accrue	Supplementary Benefit
Under Age 56	\$50
56	45
57	40
58	35
59	30
60	25
61	20
62	15
63	10
64	5

(2) The disability benefit granted to members covered under section 354.44, subdivision 6 or 7 shall be computed in the same manner as the annuity provided in subdivision 6 of the same section. The disability benefit shall be the formula annuity without the reduction for each month the member is under age 65 at the time the benefit begins to accrue.

(3) The optional annuity benefit provided in section 354.34 and section 354.45 does not apply to this section.

(4) For the purposes of computing a retirement annuity when the member becomes eligible, the amounts paid for disability benefits shall not be deducted from the individual member's accumulated deductions. If the disability benefits provided in this subdivision exceed the monthly average salary of the disabled member, the disability benefits shall be reduced to an amount equal to the disabled member's average salary. Any member who began to receive disability benefits between July

1, 1957, and June 30, 1959, shall receive the supplementary monthly benefit provided in accordance with the foregoing table and such supplementary monthly benefit shall begin to accrue after June 30, 1959, and shall continue as long as disability benefits are paid to such member.

Subd. 4. Determination by the board. The board shall have the member examined by at least two licensed physicians selected by the board. These physicians shall make written reports to the board concerning the member's disability including medical opinions as to whether or not the member is permanently and totally disabled within the meaning of Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 135.01, Subdivision 14, and acts amendatory thereof. The board shall also obtain written certification from the last employer stating whether or not the member was separated from service because of a disability which would reasonably prevent further service to the employer and as a consequence the member is not entitled to compensation from the employer. If upon the consideration of the reports of the physicians and such other evidence presented by the member or others interested therein, the board finds the member totally and permanently disabled, it shall grant him a disability benefit. The fact that an employee is placed on leave of absence without compensation because of disability shall not bar him from receiving a disability benefit.

Subd. 5. Benefits paid under other laws. The disability benefit shall be reduced by any amounts received or receivable by a member from the employer under applicable workmen's compensation laws.

Subd. 6. Regular physical examinations. At least once each year during the first five years following the allowance of a disability benefit to any member, and at least once in every three-year period thereafter, the board shall require the disability beneficiary to undergo a medical examination to be made at the place of residence of such person, or at any other place mutually agreed upon, by a physician or physicians engaged by the board. If any examination indicates that he is no longer permanently and totally disabled or that he is engaged or is able to engage in a gainful occupation, payments of the disability benefit by the fund shall be discontinued. The payments shall discontinue as soon as he is reinstated to the payroll following sick leave, but in no case shall payment be made for more than 60 days after physicians engaged by the board find that such person is no longer permanently and totally disabled.

Subd. 7. Partial re-employment. Should the disabled person resume a gainful occupation and his earnings are less than his salary at the date of disability or the salary currently paid for similar positions, the board shall continue the disability benefit in an amount which when added to such earnings does not exceed his salary at the date of disability or the salary currently paid for similar positions, whichever is lower, provided the disability benefit in such case does not exceed the disability benefit originally allowed.

Subd. 8. Refusal of examination. Should any such disabled person refuse to submit to a medical examination as herein provided, payments by the fund shall be discontinued and all rights of the member in any disability benefit shall be revoked by the board.

Subd. 9. Return to teaching service. Any person receiving a disability benefit who is restored to active teaching service shall have deductions taken for the retirement fund.

Subd. 10. Retirement status at age 65. No person shall be entitled to receive disability benefits and a public retirement annuity at the same time. The disability benefit paid to a person hereunder shall terminate when he reaches age 65 if he is still totally and permanently disabled. At that time he shall be deemed to be on retirement status and he may at his option be paid either a straight life retirement annuity as provided in section 354.44 or a straight life retirement annuity equal to the disability benefit paid to him before he reached age 65, whichever amount is greater. If his disability benefit was computed pursuant to section 354.37, at age 65 he may at his option be paid either a straight life retirement annuity as provided in section 354.33 or a straight life retirement annuity equal to the disability benefit paid to him before he reached age 65, whichever is greater. He may instead of taking the straight life annuity provided herein, however, select an optional retirement annuity as provided in section 354.34 or 354.45, whichever is applicable.

[*Ex 1957 c 16 s 10; Ex 1959 c 50 s 15; 1961 c 597 s 3; 1963 c 845 s 7; 1969 c 485 s 22, 23*]

354.49 REFUNDMENT OR DEFERRED ANNUITY. Subdivision 1. Any per-

son who ceases to render teaching service in any school or institution to which sections 354.04 to 354.14 and 354.31 to 354.55 apply shall be entitled to a refundment provided in subdivision 2, or a deferred retirement annuity. Application for refundment may be made no sooner than 30 days after termination of teaching service if the applicant has not again become a teacher. This payment will be made within 90 days after receipt of application for refundment or upon completion of processing the report made pursuant to section 354.52, subdivisions 1 and 2 whichever is later.

Subd. 2. Except as provided in section 354.44, subdivision 1, any person who ceases to be a member by reason of termination of teaching service, shall receive a refundment in an amount equal to his accumulated deductions without interest plus any variable annuity account accumulations payable pursuant to section 354.62, subdivision 5, clause (4).

Subd. 3. Any person who has attained the age of at least 65 with less than ten years of credited allowable service shall receive a refundment in an amount equal to his accumulated deductions plus interest except those covered under the provisions of section 354.33, subdivisions 7 or 8, or section 354.44, subdivisions 6 or 7 in which case the refund shall be an amount equal to his accumulated deductions credited to his account as of June 30, 1957 and after July 1, 1957 his accumulated deductions plus interest at the rate of three and one half percent compounded annually.

Subd. 4. Membership in the retirement association of any person shall terminate under the following conditions: (1) If a person takes a refundment pursuant to section 354.49; (2) When a person's retirement annuity first begins to accrue as provided in section 354.44, subdivisions 1 and 4; (3) Upon his ceasing to be a "teacher" whether by resignation, dismissal, or termination of temporary or provisional employment for the purpose of determining eligibility for disability or survivorship benefits as provided in sections 354.48, subdivision 1 and 354.46, subdivision 1, respectively.

Subd. 5. The right of refundment provided in Extra Session Laws 1957, Chapter 16 is not restricted as to time unless specifically provided and the statute of limitations does not apply thereto.

[*Ex1957 c 16 s 11; Ex1959 c 50 s 16, 17; Ex1967 c 6 s 1-3; 1969 c 485 s 24; 1971 c 40 s 20-22*]

354.50 TERMINATION OF SERVICE CREDITS. Subdivision 1. When any member accepts a refundment provided in section 354.49, all existing service credits to which the member was entitled prior to the acceptance of such refundment shall terminate and shall not again be restored until the former member acquires not less than three years allowable service credit subsequent to taking his last refundment. In that event he may repay such refundment. If more than one refundment has been taken, all refundments must be repaid except that in the case of a member who is covered under section 354.33 because of previously accepting a refundment, such member shall repay an amount equal to the contribution provided under section 354.32, subdivision 1 of the law in effect on June 30, 1969 for any service rendered prior to June 30, 1969, and according to section 354.32, subdivision 1 for any service after July 1, 1969.

Subd. 2. If a member desires to repay his refundments, payment shall include four percent interest from date of withdrawal to the date payment is made and be credited to the fund.

Subd. 3. All payments to be made pursuant to this section, shall be made to the retirement board prior to July 1, 1973 or within one year after acquiring three years of allowable service credit whichever is later.

[*Ex1957 c 16 s 12; Ex1961 c 17 s 14; Ex1967 c 6 s 4; 1969 c 485 s 25; 1971 c 40 s 23, 24*]

354.51 PAYMENTS TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR PRIOR SERVICE. Subdivision 1. After July 1, 1961, no member shall be entitled to make payments in lieu of salary deductions to the retirement board to receive credit for any period of service prior to that date for which employee contributions were not deducted from his salary, except as provided in section 354.09, subdivision 4, 354.38, 354.50, 354.53.

Subd. 2. Before July 1, 1961, any member may make payments to the retirement board to receive credit in any case where the payments were authorized by Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 135.01 to 135.13 as amended by Laws 1955, Chapters 361, 549, 550, 611, and Laws 1957, Chapter 818, Section 2, except in any case

provided in Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 135.09 as amended by Laws 1955. The retirement board may make any agreement with the member it deems proper, providing for installment payments if the member cannot pay the amount due before the cut-off date. The amount of payment and interest rate charged to the member shall be as provided in Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 135.01 to 135.13, as amended by Laws 1955, Chapters 361, 549, 550, 611, and Laws 1957, Chapter 818, Section 2.

Subd. 3. All payments to receive credit for prior service pursuant to subdivisions 1 and 2 shall be made to the retirement board prior to July 1, 1973.

Subd. 4. All payments to be made pursuant to section 354.09, subdivisions 1 and 4 shall be made to the retirement board prior to July 1, 1973 or within one year after the completion of the Minnesota service requirements prescribed in section 354.09, subdivision 1, whichever is later.

Subd. 5. After July 1, 1971, payment of shortages in deductions on salary earned after July 1, 1961, must be made prior to July 1, 1973 or within one year from the end of the fiscal year in which such deductions were made, whichever is later.

[*Ex1957 c 16 s 13; Ex1959 c 50 s 18, 19; 1969 c 485 s 26; 1971 c 40 s 25, 26*]

354.511 PAYMENTS TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR SERVICES AFTER JULY 1, 1957. Until July 1, 1968, members of the teachers retirement fund shall have the right to pay into the fund, and receive credit therefor as of the time such service was rendered, for services rendered subsequent to July 1, 1957, in schools or institutions to which chapter 354 applies, provided such payment includes simple interest on such amounts at the rate of three percent per annum from the time such service was rendered to July 1, 1965. Such payment may be made for an amount equal to the member's employee contribution rate applied to the excess of his salary over \$4,800, but in no event shall such excess be greater than \$2,400.

[*1965 c 821 s 14; 1967 c 3 s 2*]

354.52 REPORTS. Subdivision 1. Each common school district shall on or before the thirtieth day of June, each year, transmit to the county superintendent or county administrator an itemized summary of the total amount withheld from the salaries of teachers and such other information as the teachers retirement board may require.

Subd. 2. Each county superintendent or county administrator, board of education or managing body shall, on or before August 1, each year, report to the teachers retirement board giving an itemized summary of the total amount withheld from the salaries of teachers for regular teacher's retirement deductions and for variable annuity deductions, and such other information as the teacher's retirement board may require.

Subd. 3. It is the duty of each person, officer, board of education, or managing body required by law to draw the warrants or orders for payment of salaries to teachers to deduct and withhold from all salary paid each pay period to every teacher who is a member of the fund the amount which such teacher is required to pay into the fund and, at the time of such deductions, a statement showing the amount thereof shall be furnished to such teacher.

Subd. 4. At least once a month, the treasurer of each employing school district and other managing bodies of schools and institutions to which sections 354.05 to 354.14 and 354.31 to 354.61 and acts amendatory thereof apply shall transmit all amounts due and furnish a signed statement indicating the amount due and transmitted, which signing of such statement shall have the force and effect of an oath as to the correctness of the amount due and transmitted, and shall transmit a statement of such other information as the board shall require. Any amount thus due and not transmitted, shall accrue interest at the rate of six percent compounded annually commencing 30 days after the date first due until transmitted and shall be paid by the employing school district or other managing institution. The state treasurer shall credit all money received or withheld pursuant to the provisions of sections 354.05 to 354.14 and 354.31 to 354.61 and acts amendatory thereof to the fund and the reports and date received by him from each reporting agency shall be available for the board. Any person wilfully failing to perform any of the duties imposed upon him by this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 5. The state treasurer, the several county treasurers, and the treasurers of the various school districts and institutions to which sections 354.05 to 354.14 and 354.31 to 354.61 and acts amendatory thereof apply shall be officially liable for the

receipt, handling, and disbursement of all moneys coming into their hands belonging to the fund and the sureties on the official bonds of each of these treasurers shall be liable for such moneys the same as for all other moneys belonging to the school funds of this state.

[*Ex1957 c 16 s 16; 1963 c 584 s 1; 1965 c 447 s 1, 2; 1969 c 485 s 27*]

354.53 MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT. Any employee given a leave of absence to enter military service and who returns to teaching service upon discharge from military service as provided in section 192.262, shall obtain credit for his period of military service but he shall not receive credit for any voluntary extension of military service at the instance of the member beyond the initial period of enlistment, induction or call to active duty. Such member shall obtain such credit by paying into the fund an employee contribution based upon his salary at the date of return from military service. For service rendered prior to July 1, 1969, the amount of his contribution shall be an amount equal to six percent of his salary multiplied by the number of years of such military service, together with interest thereon at the rate of four percent per annum from the time such military service was rendered to the first date of payment. The payments hereunder shall not exceed \$175 per year for any service rendered prior to July 1, 1953, \$216 per year for service rendered during the period July 1, 1953 through June 30, 1955, \$288 per year for service rendered during the period July 1, 1955 through June 30, 1957, and \$432 per year for service rendered during the period July 1, 1957 through June 30, 1967. For service rendered subsequent to July 1, 1969 the amount of this contribution shall be an amount equal to seven percent of his salary multiplied by the number of years of such military service, together with interest thereon at the rate of four percent per annum from the time such military service was rendered to the first date of payment. In such cases the employer contribution and additional contribution provided in section 354.42 shall be paid by the state in the manner provided in section 354.43. Payment for military service which is part of any agreement signed by a member in accordance with section 354.51, subdivision 2, is not subject to the provisions of this section.

[*Ex1957 c 16 s 17; Ex1959 c 50 s 20; 1965 c 821 s 13; 1967 c 834 s 7; 1971 c 40 s 27*]

354.54 APPLICATION. Extra Session Laws 1957, Chapter 16 do not apply to any city of the first class of this state, except as provided in section 354.05.

[*Ex1957 c 16 s 18*]

354.55 OPTIONS TO CERTAIN MEMBERS. Subdivision 1. Any annuity purchased or benefits accruing from the fund pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 135.10, Subdivisions 2, 4 and 6, Laws 1955, Chapter 611, Section 2, Laws 1957, Chapter 818, Section 3, prior to July 1, 1957, or any annuity purchased or benefit accruing from the fund pursuant to Laws 1957, Chapter 752, and Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 135.33, Subdivisions 3 and 4, 135.55, Subdivision 1, prior to July 1, 1959, or any annuity payable pursuant to Laws 1915, Chapter 199, shall continue in effect at such amount and subject to such conditions as the law then in effect provided except that refundment shall be paid pursuant to section 354.47 regardless of the date when the teacher retired.

Subd. 2. Any election made by a teacher pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 135.10, Subdivision 3, prior to July 1, 1957, shall continue in effect at such amount and subject to such conditions as the law then in effect permitted.

Subd. 3. Except as provided in section 354.145, any person who ceased teaching service prior to July 1, 1968, who left his accumulated deductions in the fund for the purpose of receiving when eligible, a retirement annuity in accordance with the law in effect at the date such service terminated, shall have his annuity computed in accordance with the law in effect at the date he ceased teaching service.

Subd. 4. Each annuitant who as a member of the fund commencing drawing his annuity under Minnesota Statutes, Section 135.10 between August 1, 1931, and June 30, 1953, but not including his beneficiaries, shall be paid the sum of \$25 per month, which payments shall be guaranteed by the state, in addition to the amounts such annuitant is otherwise entitled to receive under the provisions of sections 354.05 to 354.14 and 354.31 to 354.55.

Subd. 5. Each annuitant who as a member of the fund commenced drawing an

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annuity pursuant to Laws 1915, Chapter 199, as amended, shall be paid \$20 per month in addition to the amount such annuitant is otherwise entitled to receive under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1961, Sections 135.01 to 135.56. The supplemental pension provided for in this subdivision shall be paid from the general fund and such moneys as are required for its payment are hereby annually appropriated to the teachers retirement fund.

Subd. 6. Each annuitant who as a member of the fund commenced drawing his annuity between August 1, 1931, and June 30, 1965, but not including his beneficiaries, shall be paid ten percent of his present monthly annuity if such annuitant retired pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1965, Sections 354.33 and 354.34 and fifteen percent of his present monthly annuity if such annuitant retired pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 135.10 and Minnesota Statutes 1965, Sections 354.44 and 354.45, in addition to the amounts such annuitant is otherwise entitled to receive under the provisions of sections 354.05 to 354.14, and 354.31 to 354.55 and sections 354.58 and 354.59.

Subd. 7. Each annuitant on July 1, 1969 who commenced drawing his annuity after July 1, 1957 shall have that portion of his annuity that is based on the 1937 standard annuity table of mortality set back two years and calculated separately as to sex with an interest assumption of three percent recomputed on the 1937 standard annuity table of mortality set back two years and calculated separately as to sex with an interest assumption of three and one half percent. Any additional annuity shall begin to accrue July 1, 1969.

Subd. 8. Any person who ceased teaching service prior to July 1, 1968 who left his accumulated deductions in the fund and is not covered under the provisions of section 354.145, subdivision 1, clause (1) and subdivision 2, clause (1) may upon resumption of teaching service for at least 170 days elect to have his benefits at retirement calculated under the provisions of sections 354.33, subdivisions 1, 7, 8, or 9, except that if a person elects coverage under section 354.44 by virtue of his junior college teaching he may have his benefits at retirement calculated under the provisions of section 354.44, subdivisions 2, 6, or 7. Such election must be made within one year of the completion of the 170 day service requirement or prior to July 1, 1972, whichever is later, except that in the event of a member's retirement, such election must be made prior to date of retirement.

Subd. 9. Each annuitant who has commenced drawing his annuity between July 1, 1967 and June 30, 1969, or the beneficiary or beneficiaries of such members who were receiving annuity payments on July 1, 1969, under Minnesota Statutes 1967, Sections 354.33 and 354.34, or 354.44 and 354.45, shall have his annuity recomputed under the provisions of sections 354.33, subdivision 1, or 354.44, subdivision 2. Any additional annuity shall begin to accrue July 1, 1969. In no case shall the amount of the annuity provided herein be less than the amount of annuity payable prior to July 1, 1969.

Subd. 10. Any benefit to which any person may be entitled under this chapter may be reduced in amount upon application of the person entitled thereto to the board of trustees, provided that such person shall first relinquish in writing all claim to that part of the full benefit which is the difference between the benefit which he would be otherwise entitled to receive and the benefit which he will receive. The reduced benefit shall be payment in full of all amounts due under this chapter for the month for which the payment is made and acceptance of the reduced benefit releases the retirement association from all obligation to pay to such person the difference between the amount of the reduced benefit and the full amount of the benefit which such person would otherwise have received. After July 1, 1971, any benefit reduced under the provisions of this subdivision may not again be restored.

Subd. 11. Any person covered under section 354.33, subdivisions 7 and 8, and section 354.44, subdivisions 6 and 7, who ceases or has ceased to render teaching service may leave his accumulated deductions in the fund for the purpose of receiving a deferred annuity at retirement. Eligibility for such an annuity shall be determined by the provisions of section 354.44, subdivision 1, or section 354.60.

The amount of the deferred retirement annuity shall be determined by section 354.33, subdivisions 7 and 8, and section 354.44, subdivisions 6 and 7, and aug-

mented as provided herein. The required reserves related to that portion of the annuity which had accrued at the time the member ceased to render teaching service shall be augmented by interest compounded annually from the first day of the month following the month during which the member ceased to render teaching service to the effective date of retirement. The rates of interest used for this purpose shall be the interest assumptions which were in effect during the period for which interest is compounded. If a person has more than one period of uninterrupted service, the required reserves related to each period shall be augmented by interest pursuant to this subdivision. The sum of the augmented required reserves so determined shall be the basis for purchasing the deferred annuity. If a person does not render teaching service in any one or more consecutive fiscal years and then resumes teaching service, the formula percentages used from date of resumption will be those applicable to new members. The mortality table and interest assumption contained therein used to compute such annuity will be determined by the law in effect at the time of the member's retirement. A period of uninterrupted service for the purposes of Laws 1971, Chapter 87 shall mean a period of covered teaching service during which the member has not been separated from such service for more than one fiscal year.

The provisions of Laws 1971, Chapter 87 shall not apply to variable account accumulations as defined in section 354.05, subdivision 23.

In no case shall the annuity payable herein be less than the amount of annuity payable pursuant to section 354.33, subdivisions 7 and 8, clauses (1) and (2), and section 354.44, subdivisions 6 and 7, clauses (1) and (2).

[*Ex1957 c 16 s 20; Ex1959 c 50 s 21, 22; 1965 c 644 s 1; 1967 c 654 s 1; 1967 c 715 s 1; 1969 c 399 s 1; 1969 c 485 s 28; 1971 c 40 s 28-31; 1971 c 87 s 1; 1971 c 88 s 1*]

354.56 ANNUITANTS UNDER LAWS 1915, CHAPTER 199; ADDED BENEFITS. Each annuitant who as a member of the fund commenced drawing his annuity pursuant to Laws 1915, Chapter 199, as amended, but not including his beneficiaries, shall be paid the sum of \$25 per month, which payments shall be guaranteed by the state, in addition to the amounts such annuitant is otherwise entitled to receive under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 354.05 to 354.11.

[*1959 c 546 s 1*]

354.57 OPERATIONS ACCOUNT REFLECTING INTEREST ON DEDUCTIONS OF MEMBERS ACCEPTING REFUNDMENT. The retirement board is directed to establish an operations account which shall reflect the following as credits in the said account:

(1) The interest on the accumulated deductions of all former members who have accepted refundments at the rate established by the board and applied generally to the member's accumulated deductions for the purpose of determining retirement annuities.

[*Ex1959 c 50 s 24*]

354.58 SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT ANNUITY. A supplemental retirement annuity shall be paid only to a member who retires pursuant to sections 354.33, subdivision 1, or 354.44, subdivision 2, and the options related thereto as established in sections 354.34, 354.35, and 354.45. In establishing this supplemental retirement annuity the board shall ascertain the member's accumulated deduction including interest for the period of allowable service prior to July 1, 1957, and the member shall receive a retirement credit of 100 percent of this amount. The retirement credit so established shall be the basis for purchasing a supplemental retirement annuity using the 1937 standard annuity table of mortality set back two years with interest at the rate of three and one half percent and calculated separately as to sex. This supplemental retirement annuity shall be doubled. Each annuitant who commenced drawing his annuity between July 1, 1967 and June 30, 1969, or the beneficiary or beneficiaries of such members who were receiving annuity payments on July 1, 1969 under Minnesota Statutes 1967, Sections 354.33 and 354.34, or 354.44 and 354.45, shall have his annuity recomputed in accordance with the provisions of section 354.58 and any additional annuity shall begin to accrue July 1, 1969.

[*Ex1959 c 50 s 25; 1969 c 485 s 29*]

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354.581 SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT ANNUITY. Subdivision 1. Effective July 1, 1971 a supplemental retirement annuity shall be paid for life to each annuitant who retired pursuant to sections 354.33, subdivision 1 or 354.44, subdivision 2, and the options related thereto as established in sections 354.34, 354.35, and 354.45. In establishing this supplemental retirement annuity herein, the board shall ascertain the member's accumulated deductions including interest for the period of allowable service prior to July 1, 1957 and the annuitant shall receive a retirement credit based on (1) 100 percent of this amount for any annuitant who retired during the period July 1, 1965 through June 30, 1967, (2) 90 percent of this amount for any annuitant who retired during the period July 1, 1963 through June 30, 1965, (3) 80 percent of this amount for any annuitant who retired during the period July 1, 1961 through June 30, 1963, (4) 70 percent of this amount for any annuitant who retired prior to July 1, 1961. A retirement credit so established shall be the basis for purchasing a supplemental retirement annuity using the 1937 standard annuity table set back two years with an interest rate of 3½ percent calculated separately as to sex using the annuitant's age at retirement and the life plan, no refund annuity rate. Such payments shall be in addition to the amounts such annuitant is otherwise entitled to receive under the provisions of sections 354.05 to 354.14, 354.31 to 354.56, and 354.58, and 354.59 minus the amounts provided in section 354.55, subdivision 6. In no case shall this supplemental retirement annuity be less than \$10 per month.

Subd. 2. The supplemental retirement annuity provided herein is not payable to beneficiaries of annuitants and is not payable beyond the expiration date of any term annuity.

Subd. 3. Notwithstanding section 356.18, increases in annuity payments pursuant to this section will be made automatically unless written notice is filed by the annuitant with the teachers retirement association board requesting that the increase shall not be made.

Subd. 4. As of June 30, 1971, the assets equal to the actuarially determined reserves for the benefits provided in this section together with 4¼ percent interest for the 1969-70 fiscal year plus interest at the rate established by the state board of investment for the 1970-71 fiscal year shall be transferred to the Minnesota adjustable fixed benefit fund established in section 11.25 and all money necessary to meet the requirements of certification or withdrawal are authorized in accordance with said section 11.25, subdivision 11.

[1971 c 88 s 2]

354.59 STATE COLLEGE TEACHERS, ADDITIONAL RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE. In addition to other retirement benefits provided by law for teachers including those received under provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1957, Sections 135.01 to 135.18 and 135.31 to 135.55, as amended, each state college teacher, who on July 1, 1957, had been a member of the teachers retirement association for at least 15 years, upon retirement shall be paid one dollar a month for each year of allowable service, as defined by Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 135.01, Subdivision 13, as amended by Extra Session Laws 1959, Chapter 50, Section 50, out of the teachers' retirement fund. The moneys necessary to make the payments as provided for herein are appropriated out of moneys in the teachers' retirement fund.

[Ex1961 c 16 s 1]

354.60 SERVICE IN OTHER PUBLIC RETIREMENT FUNDS; ANNUITY. Any person who has been a member of the state employees retirement association or the public employees retirement association including the public employees retirement association police and fire fund or the teachers retirement association or the Minnesota highway patrolmen's retirement association, or any other public employee retirement system in the state of Minnesota having a like provision but excluding all other funds providing benefits for policemen or firemen shall be entitled when qualified to an annuity from each fund if his total allowable service in all three funds or in any two of these funds totals ten or more years, provided no portion of the allowable service upon which the retirement annuity from one fund is based is again used in the computation for benefits from another fund and provided further that he has not taken a refundment from any one of these three funds since his membership in that association has terminated. The

annuity from each fund shall be determined by the appropriate provisions of the law except that the requirement that an annuitant must have at least ten years' membership service or ten years of allowable service in the respective association shall not apply for the purposes of this section provided the combined service in two or more of these funds equals ten or more years.

[*Ex*1961 c 17 s 15; 1971 c 87 s 2]

NOTE: See also sections 352.72 and 353.71.

354.61 CANCELLATION OF WARRANTS. Any state auditor's warrant payable from the retirement fund remaining unpaid for a period of six years shall be canceled into the retirement fund and not into the general refund.

[1963 c 845 s 8; 1969 c 399 s 1]

354.62 PARTICIPATION IN MINNESOTA VARIABLE ANNUITY FUND. Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** There is hereby established within the basic and coordinated systems of the state teachers retirement association a new division known as the variable annuity division. The assets of this division shall be invested in the Minnesota variable annuity fund.

Subd. 2. **Individual election.** Each member of the teachers retirement association may elect to participate in the variable annuity division by filing a written notice with the board of trustees on forms provided by the board.

(1) Employee variable annuity contributions to the variable annuity division shall be:

(a) Pursuant to the options available in section 354.33, subdivision 1, clause (2), and section 354.33, subdivision 8, the employee variable annuity contribution shall be an amount equal to one and one half percent of the salary of every member.

(b) Pursuant to the options available in section 354.44, subdivision 2, clause (3), and section 354.44, subdivision 7, the employee variable annuity contributions shall be an amount equal to three percent of the salary of every member.

(c) Pursuant to the option available in section 354.33, subdivision 9, the employee variable annuity contribution shall be an amount equal to three and one half percent of the salary of every member.

(2) Employer variable annuity contributions shall be an amount equal to the employee variable annuity contributions provided in clause (1).

(3) Said election shall be made in accordance with section 354.145, subdivisions 1 and 2. Said election once made is irrevocable.

(4) There shall be provided for members participating in the variable annuity division a separate account for each member which will show his variable account accumulations as defined in section 354.05, subdivision 23. The board shall establish such other accounts in the variable annuity division as it deems necessary for the operation of this provision.

Subd. 3. **Accounts.** The variable annuity division in the teachers retirement association shall include an employee variable annuity contribution account, an employer variable annuity contribution account, a variable annuity reserve account, and a variable annuity turnover account.

(1) The employee variable annuity contributions account shall consist of all employee variable annuity contributions made pursuant to subdivision 2, clause (1) plus its share of earnings of the division from investments, including accrued interest and dividends, less withdrawals and transfers from the account, with the total adjusted annually by any realized and unrealized gains and losses.

(2) The employer variable annuity contribution account shall consist of all employer variable annuity contributions made pursuant to subdivision 2, clause (2) plus its share of earnings of the division from investments, including accrued interest and dividends, less withdrawals and transfers from the account, with the total adjusted annually by any realized and unrealized gains and losses.

(3) The variable annuity reserve account shall consist of all transfers made to the variable annuity reserve account, plus its share of earnings of the division from

investments, including accrued interest and dividends, less payments from the account, with the total adjusted annually by any realized and unrealized gains and losses.

(4) The variable annuity turnover account shall consist of all transfers made to the variable annuity turnover account in accordance with subdivision 5, clauses (2) and (3) plus its share of earnings of the division from investments, including accrued interest and dividends, less the administrative costs of the variable annuity division and distributions made from the account in accordance with subdivision 4, clause (4), with the total adjusted annually by any realized gains and losses.

Subd. 4. **Gains, losses and earnings.** (1) Turnover gains shall consist of those amounts transferred in accordance with subdivision 5, clauses (2) and (3).

(2) As of June 30 of each fiscal year, the board of trustees shall determine the amount of earnings, realized gains, and appreciation or losses to be distributed to the accounts provided in subdivision 3. The amount of these distributions shall be in the proportion of the average month-end balance of each account to the total value of all the accounts provided in subdivision 3.

(3) Earnings and realized and unrealized gains or losses shall be credited to the individual member accounts annually but only on amounts that have been on deposit for the full year based on a rate of return as defined in section 11.26, subdivision 7.

(4) Annually on July 1 of each fiscal year a portion of the amount in the variable annuity turnover account shall be distributed to the variable annuity reserve account. The amount of this distribution shall be in the proportion of the value of the variable annuity reserve account to the total value of all the accounts provided in subdivision 3.

Subd. 5. **Variable retirement annuity.** (1) At retirement the amount of the member's variable account accumulation in the employee variable annuity contribution account, based on the valuation at the previous fiscal year end plus any contributions made by such person since such date, and an equal amount from the employer variable annuity contribution account shall be transferred to the variable annuity reserve account, and the variable retirement annuity for the member shall be determined by the member's age, and sex, and the amount transferred for the member to the variable annuity reserve account at the date of retirement. The amount of the annuity shall be calculated on the basis of the 1937 standard annuity table of mortality set back two years and calculated separately as to sex with an interest assumption of three and one half percent.

(2) Whenever the admitted value of the annuity reserve account of the variable annuity division, as of June 30 of any year, exceeds or is less than the then present value of all variable annuities in force, determined in accordance with the rate of interest and approved actuarial tables then in effect, by at least two percent of said present value, the amount of each variable annuity payment shall be proportionately increased or decreased for the following year.

(3) The death benefit payable in the event of a member's death prior to retirement will be the lump sum refund of a member's variable account accumulation, based on the valuation at the previous fiscal year end plus any contributions made by such person since such date, to the surviving dependent spouse, or if there is no surviving dependent spouse to his designated beneficiary. Except that if a member has made an election in accordance with section 354.36 or 354.46, then his surviving dependent spouse will receive a joint and survivor annuity as described in sections 354.34 and 354.44 and computed as provided in clause (1). An amount equal to the lump sum refund made in this clause shall be transferred from the employer contribution account to the variable annuity turnover account.

(4) Except as provided in section 354.33, subdivision 1, clause (2); section 354.33, subdivisions 8 and 9; section 354.44, subdivision 2, clause (3); and section 354.44, subdivision 7, any person who ceases to be a member by reason of termination of teaching service, shall be entitled to a lump sum refundment of his variable account accumulations, based on the valuation at the previous fiscal

year end plus any contributions made by such person since such date. Application for a refundment may be made no sooner than 30 days after termination of teaching service if the applicant has not again become a teacher. Repayment of a refundment upon resumption of teaching is not permitted under this section. An amount equal to the refundment to the member shall be transferred from the employer contribution account to the variable annuity turnover account.

(5) If a member is determined to be totally and permanently disabled as provided in Minnesota Statutes 1967, Sections 354.05, Subdivision 14; 354.37; and 354.48, he shall be entitled to the annuity provided in this subdivision.

(6) Those members eligible for retirement as provided in Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 354.44, Subdivision 1 will upon application for the annuity provided therein be entitled to the annuity provided in this subdivision. The annuity elected in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1967, Sections 354.33, 354.34, 354.44, and 354.45 shall be the annuity applicable to this subdivision.

(7) Notwithstanding section 356.18, increases in annuity payments pursuant to this section will be made automatically unless written notice is filed by the annuitant with the teachers retirement association board requesting that the increase shall not be made.

(8) At retirement, a member may elect to have the amount of his variable annuity accumulation in the employee variable annuity contribution account and an equal amount from the employer variable annuity contribution account transferred to the Minnesota adjustable fixed benefit fund as provided in section 354.63, subdivision 2, clause (2). Such election shall be made on a form provided by the board of trustees.

[1969 c 485 s 30; 1971 c 40 s 32, 33]

354.63 PARTICIPATION IN MINNESOTA ADJUSTABLE FIXED BENEFIT FUND. Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** The teachers retirement association is hereby authorized to participate in the Minnesota adjustable fixed benefit fund.

Subd. 2. **Valuation of assets; adjustment of benefits.** (1) As of June 30, 1969, the present value of all annuities in force as of June 30, 1969 and as amended in accordance with Laws 1969, Chapter 485, except for the annuities of those persons who retired pursuant to Laws 1915, Chapter 199, as amended, shall be determined in accordance with the 1937 standard annuity table of mortality set back two years and calculated separately as to sex, with an interest assumption of three and one half percent, and assets representing the required reserves for these annuities shall be transferred to the Minnesota adjustable fixed benefit fund, during a period of one year in accordance with procedures specified in section 11.25.

(2) Effective July 1, 1969 for those members retiring pursuant to sections 354.05 to 354.14 and 354.31 to 354.61 and acts amendatory thereof, the required reserves as determined in accordance with these sections shall be transferred to the Minnesota adjustable fixed benefit fund as of the date of retirement. The 1937 standard annuity table of mortality set back two years and calculated separately as to sex, with an interest assumption of three and one half percent will be used to determine the amount to be transferred.

(3) Annuity payments shall be adjusted in accordance with the provisions of section 11.25, subdivisions 12 and 13.

(4) Notwithstanding section 356.18, increases in annuity payments pursuant to this section will be made automatically unless written notice is filed by the annuitant with the teachers retirement association board requesting that the increase shall not be made.

[1969 c 485 s 31; 1971 c 40 s 34; 1971 c 414 s 10]

354.64 EFFECT OF RECORDS. The records of the teachers retirement association as determined to be correct by the board of trustees shall govern rights, benefits, and status of each member, former member, or annuitant of the association.

[1969 c 485 s 35]

354.65 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. Administrative expenses incurred by the teachers retirement association shall be prorated and allocated to the teachers

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retirement fund, and the organization's participation in the Minnesota variable annuity fund, the Minnesota adjustable fixed benefit fund and the Minnesota supplemental retirement fund in accordance with policies and procedures established by the board of trustees of the teachers retirement association.

[1969 c 485 s 34]