

## CHAPTER 422A

## RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES, MINNEAPOLIS

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**422A.01 DEFINITIONS.**

*[For text of subds 1 to 5, see M.S.1986]*

Subd. 6. **Present value.** "Present worth" or "present value" means that the present amount of money if increased at the applicable postretirement or preretirement interest rate assumption specified in section 356.215, subdivision 4d, and based on the mortality table adopted by the board of trustees based on the experience of the fund as recommended by the actuary retained by the legislative commission on pensions and retirement will at retirement equal the actuarial accrued liability of the annuity already earned.

Subd. 7. **Actuarial equivalent.** "Actuarial equivalent" means the condition of one annuity or benefit having an equal present worth or present value as another annuity or benefit.

*[For text of subds 8 and 9, see M.S.1986]*

Subd. 10. **Unfunded actuarial accrued liability.** "Unfunded actuarial accrued liability" means the difference between the actuarial accrued liability to date and the corresponding assets valued under section 356.215, subdivision 1, clause (6).

*[For text of subds 11 to 13, see M.S.1986]*

**History:** 1987 c 259 s 61-63

**422A.04 EXPENSES; REPORTS; RECORDS; POWERS.**

*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1986]*

Subd. 2. **Actuarial data.** The board shall keep in convenient form any data necessary for the preparation of the annual actuarial valuation of the fund created by this chapter. The actuarial valuation of the fund shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 356.

Subd. 3. **Experience data and mortality tables.** The board shall prepare and keep any needful tables, records, and accounts required for carrying out the provisions of sections 422A.01 to 422A.25, including data showing the mortality and disability experience of the officers and employees of the service and the date of withdrawal from service, and any other information that may serve as a guide for future actuarial valuations and adjustments in the actuarial assumptions for the retirement fund. Mortality tables shall be adopted and may be modified from time to time by the board based on the experience of the fund as recommended by the actuary retained by the legislative commission on pensions and retirement as a basis of calculation for retirement allowances, with any recommendation by the actuary retained as a part of the permanent records of the board.

*[For text of subd 4, see M.S.1986]*

**History:** 1987 c 259 s 64,65

**422A.06 RETIREMENT FUND.***[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1986]*

**Subd. 2. Actuarial valuation required.** As of July 1 of each year, an actuarial valuation of the retirement fund shall be prepared by the commission-retained actuary and filed in conformance with the provisions and requirements of sections 356.215 to 356.23. Experience studies shall be prepared at those times required by statute, required by the standards for actuarial work adopted by the legislative commission on pensions and retirement or ordered by the board.

The board may contract for the services of an approved actuary and fix the reasonable compensation for those services. Any approved actuary retained by the board shall function as the actuarial advisor to the board and may perform actuarial valuations and experience studies to supplement those performed by the actuary retained by the legislative commission on pensions and retirement. Any supplemental actuarial valuations or experience studies shall be filed with the executive director of the legislative commission on pensions and retirement.

*[For text of subds 3 and 4, see M.S.1986]*

**Subd. 5. Transfer of reserves to retirement benefit fund; adjustments of annuities and benefits.** (a) Assets equal to the required reserves for retirement annuities as determined in accordance with the appropriate mortality table adopted by the board of trustees based on the experience of the fund as recommended by the commission-retained actuary and using the postretirement interest assumption specified in section 356.215, subdivision 4d, shall be transferred to the disability benefit fund as provided in subdivision 7, or the retirement benefit fund, except for any amounts payable from the survivor benefit fund, as of date of retirement.

(b) Annuity payments shall be adjusted in accordance with this chapter, except that no minimum retirement payments described in this chapter shall include any amounts payable from the survivors' benefit fund or disability benefit fund and supplemented benefits specifically financed by statute.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 356.18, increases in annuity payments pursuant to this section shall be made automatically unless written notice on a form prescribed by the board is filed with the retirement board requesting that the increase not be made.

(d) Any additional annuity which began to accrue on July 1, 1973, or which began to accrue on January 1, 1974, pursuant to Laws 1973, chapter 770, section 1, shall be considered as part of the base amount to be used in determining any postretirement adjustments payable pursuant to the provisions of subdivision 8.

*[For text of subd 6, see M.S.1986]*

**Subd. 7. Disability benefit fund.** (a) The required reserves for disability allowances which become effective after December 31, 1973, shall be transferred from the deposit accumulation fund to the disability benefit fund. A proportionate share of income from investments shall be allocated to this fund. There shall be paid from this fund the disability allowances which become effective after December 31, 1973.

(b) In the event of termination of any disability allowance for any reason other than the death of the recipient, the balance of the required reserves for the disability allowance as of the date of termination shall be transferred from the disability benefit fund to the deposit accumulation fund.

(c) At the end of each fiscal year, as part of the annual actuarial valuation, a determination shall be made of the required reserves for all disability allowances being paid from the disability benefit fund. Any excess of assets over actuarial required reserves in the disability benefit fund shall be transferred to the deposit accumulation fund. Any excess of actuarial reserves over assets in the disability benefit fund shall be funded by a transfer of the appropriate amount of assets from the deposit accumulation fund.

**Subd. 8. Retirement benefit fund.** The retirement benefit fund shall consist of amounts held for payment of retirement allowances for members retired pursuant to this chapter. Assets equal to the required reserves for retirement allowances pursuant to this chapter determined in accordance with the appropriate mortality table adopted by the board of trustees based on the experience of the fund as recommended by the commission-retained actuary shall be transferred from the deposit accumulation fund to the retirement benefit fund as of the last business day of the month in which the retirement allowance begins. The income from investments of these assets shall be allocated to this fund. There shall be paid from this fund the retirement annuities authorized by law. A required reserve calculation for the retirement benefit fund must be made by the actuary retained by the legislative commission on pensions and retirement and must be certified to the retirement board by the commission-retained actuary. The retirement benefit fund shall be governed by the applicable laws governing the accounting and audit procedures, investment, actuarial requirements, calculation and payment of postretirement benefit adjustments, discharge of any deficiency in the assets of the fund when compared to the actuarially determined required reserves, and other applicable operations and procedures regarding the Minnesota postretirement investment fund established pursuant to section 11A.18, and any legal or administrative interpretations of those laws of the state board of investment, the legal advisor to the board of investment and the executive director of the state board of investment. If a deferred yield adjustment account is established for the Minnesota postretirement investment fund under section 11A.18, subdivision 5, the retirement board shall also establish and maintain a deferred yield adjustment account within this fund.

Annually, following the calculation of any postretirement adjustment payable from the retirement benefit fund, the board of trustees shall submit a report to the executive director of the legislative commission on pensions and retirement and to the commissioner of finance indicating the amount of any postretirement adjustment and the underlying calculations on which that postretirement adjustment amount is based, including the amount of dividends, the amount of interest, and the amount of net realized capital gains or losses utilized in the calculations.

**History:** 1987 c 259 s 66-69

#### **422A.09 CLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES.**

*[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1986]*

**Subd. 3. Exceptions from membership.** The exempt class shall consist of:

(1) Employees who are members of any other organization or association of the city on behalf of which a tax is levied by the city for the purpose of paying retirement allowances to disabled or superannuated employees.

(2) Persons filling elective position; provided that any elective officer holding an elective city office, except a judge of municipal court, shall, upon written application to the retirement board, be entitled to become a member of the contributing class of the fund, and after becoming a contributor to the fund be entitled to all benefits conferred upon employees of the contributing class except retirement on a service allowance, which shall be granted only upon completion of ten or more years of service and attaining at least age 60.

All retirement allowances shall be computed and determined as provided herein, except that in determining the number of years of service, credit shall be given for time served as an elective officer or employee, or member of an executive board or commission or any combination thereof. Persons who have served in elective positions which qualified them for membership in the fund prior to July 1, 1967, and who immediately thereafter hold elective office, first being appointed to that elective office in Hennepin county, may retain or resume membership in the fund as an elective officer of the county. The county shall collect and pay to the retirement fund the employee contribution as required pursuant to section 422A.10. The employer contribution on behalf of the elected officer shall be paid by the county. Before receiving a retirement allowance,

or any other benefit, any person who claims credit for service pursuant to this section shall contribute to the fund an amount equal to the amount of contributions to the fund which the person would have made had the person been a contributor to the fund since the date the person first became eligible for membership in the fund, in accordance with section 422A.10, plus six percent compound interest.

(3) Persons serving without pay.

(4) Persons employed on a temporary basis, as doorkeepers, ticket takers, and attendants at the municipal auditorium, park recreation facilities, or like activities, employed less than 1000 hours, or its equivalent if employed on any other basis than an hourly basis, in any calendar year from January 1 to December 31, inclusive, provided that employees who were contributing members of the fund on July 1, 1959 shall not be affected by the exclusions contained in this section.

(5) A person who is exempted from the contributing class by Minnesota Statutes 1974, section 422A.09, subdivision 3, clauses (4) and (5), but who is employed by and paid, in whole or in part, by the city or any of its boards, departments, or commissions, operated as a department of the city government or independently, if financed in whole or in part by city funds, including any person employed by a public corporation, and including any person employed by special school district No. 1, each of whom is not a member of any other retirement system, who later becomes a contributing member of the fund may elect to qualify at that time for credit by paying into the fund an amount equal to the amount of contributions to the fund which the person would have made had the person been a contributor to the fund since the date the person first qualified as an exempt member of the contributing class, in accordance with section 422A.10, plus six percent compound interest.

(6) Any person who is employed in subsidized on-the-job training, work experience or public service employment as an enrollee under the federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act from and after March 30, 1978, unless the city council of the city of Minneapolis specifies that the person is to be considered as a provisional member of the retirement fund pursuant to section 356.451 or unless the person has as of the later of March 30, 1978, or the date of employment sufficient service credit in the retirement fund to meet the minimum vesting requirements for a deferred retirement annuity, or the employer agrees in writing to make the required employer contributions, including any employer additional contributions, on account of that person from revenue sources other than funds provided under the federal Comprehensive Training and Employment Act, or the person agrees in writing to make the required employer contribution in addition to the required employee contribution.

*[For text of subd 4, see M.S.1986]*

**History:** 1987 c 284 art 2 s 7

#### **422A.101 PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS OF FUND; EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS.**

**Subdivision 1. Financial requirements of fund.** Prior to August 31 annually, the retirement board, in consultation with the commission-retained actuary, shall prepare an itemized statement of the financial requirements of the fund for the succeeding fiscal year. A copy of the statement shall be submitted to the city council, the board of estimate and taxation of the city, the managing board or chief administrative officer of each city owned public utility, improvement project or municipal activity supported in whole or in part by revenues other than real estate taxes, public corporation, or unit of metropolitan government employing members of the fund, the board of special school district No. 1, and the state commissioner of finance prior to September 15 annually. The statement shall be itemized and shall include the following:

(1) an estimate of the administrative expenses of the fund for the following year, which shall be determined by multiplying the figure for administrative expenses as reported in the most recent actuarial valuation prepared by the commission-retained actuary by the factor of 1.035;

(2) an estimate of the normal cost of the fund expressed as a dollar amount, which shall be determined by applying the normal cost of the fund as reported in the most recent actuarial valuation prepared by the commission-retained actuary and expressed as a percentage of covered payroll to the estimated total covered payroll of all employees covered by the fund for the following year;

(3) an estimate of the contribution required to amortize on a level annual dollar basis the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the fund by June 30, 2017, using an interest rate of five percent compounded annually as reported in the most recent actuarial valuation, prepared by the commission-retained actuary expressed as a dollar amount. In determining the amount of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the fund, all assets other than the assets of the retirement benefit fund shall be valued as current assets as defined under section 356.215, subdivision 1, clause (5), and the assets of the retirement benefit fund shall be valued equal to the actuarially determined required reserves for benefits payable from that fund;

(4) the amount of any deficiency in the actual amount of any employer contribution provided for in this section when compared to the required contribution amount certified for the previous year, plus interest on the amount at the rate of six percent per annum.

**Subd. 1a. City contributions.** Prior to August 31 of each year, the retirement board shall prepare an itemized statement of the financial requirements of the fund payable by the city for the succeeding fiscal year, and a copy of the statement shall be submitted to the board of estimate and taxation and to the city council by September 15. The financial requirements of the fund payable by the city shall be calculated as follows:

(a) a regular employer contribution of an amount equal to the percentage rounded to the nearest two decimal places of the salaries and wages of all employees covered by the retirement fund which equals the difference between the level normal cost plus administrative cost as reported in the annual actuarial valuation prepared by the commission-retained actuary and the employee contributions provided for in section 422A.10 less any amounts contributed toward the payment of the balance of the normal cost not paid by employee contributions by any city owned public utility, improvement project, other municipal activities supported in whole or in part by revenues other than real estate taxes, any public corporation, any employing unit of metropolitan government, or by special school district No. 1 pursuant to subdivision 2;

(b) an additional employer contribution of an amount equal to the percent specified in section 353.27, subdivision 3a, clause (a), multiplied by the salaries and wages of all employees covered by the retirement fund less any amounts contributed toward amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability by June 30, 2017, attributable to their respective covered employees by any city owned public utility, improvement project, other municipal activities supported in whole or in part by revenues other than real estate taxes, any public corporation, any employing unit of metropolitan government, or by special school district No. 1 pursuant to subdivision 2; and

(c) a proportional share of an additional employer amortization contribution of an amount equal to \$3,900,000 annually until June 30, 2017, based upon the share of the fund's unfunded actuarial accrued liability attributed to the city as disclosed in the annual actuarial valuation prepared by the commission-retained actuary.

The city council shall, in addition to other taxes levied by the city, annually levy a tax equal to the amount of the financial requirements of the fund which are payable by the city. The tax, when levied, shall be extended upon the county lists and shall be collected and enforced in the same manner as other taxes levied by the city. If the city does not levy a tax sufficient to meet the requirements of this subdivision, the retirement board shall submit the tax levy statement directly to the county auditor, who shall levy the tax. The tax, when levied, shall be extended upon the county lists and shall be collected and paid into the city treasury to the credit of the retirement fund. Any amount to the credit of the retirement fund shall constitute a special fund and shall be used only for the payment of obligations authorized pursuant to this chapter.

**Subd. 2. Contributions by or for city-owned public utilities, improvements, or**

**municipal activities.** Contributions by or for any city-owned public utility, improvement project and other municipal activities supported in whole or in part by revenues other than real estate taxes, any public corporation, any employing unit of metropolitan government, special school district No. 1 or Hennepin county, on account of any employee covered by the fund shall be calculated as follows:

(a) a regular employer contribution of an amount equal to the percentage rounded to the nearest two decimal places of the salaries and wages of all employees of the employing unit covered by the retirement fund which equals the difference between the level normal cost plus administrative cost reported in the annual actuarial valuation prepared by the commission-retained actuary and the employee contributions provided for in section 422A.10;

(b) an additional employer contribution of an amount equal to the percent specified in section 353.27, subdivision 3a, clause (a), multiplied by the salaries and wages of all employees of the employing unit covered by the retirement fund;

(c) a proportional share of an additional employer amortization contribution of an amount equal to \$3,900,000 annually until June 30, 2017, based upon the share of the fund's unfunded actuarial accrued liability attributed to the employer as disclosed in the annual actuarial valuation prepared by the commission-retained actuary.

The city council or any board or commission may, by proper action, provide for the inclusion of the cost of the retirement contributions for employees of any city-owned public utility or for persons employed in any improvement project or other municipal activity supported in whole or in part by revenues other than taxes who are covered by the retirement fund in the cost of operating the utility, improvement project or municipal activity. The cost of retirement contributions for these employees shall be determined by the retirement board and the respective governing bodies having jurisdiction over the financing of these operating costs.

The cost of the employer contributions on behalf of employees of special school district No. 1 who are covered by the retirement fund shall be the obligation of the school district. The retirement board shall prepare an itemized statement of the financial requirements of the fund payable by the school district, which shall be submitted prior to September 15. Contributions by the school district shall be made at times designated by the retirement board. The school district may levy for its contribution to the retirement fund only to the extent permitted pursuant to section 275.125, subdivision 6a.

The cost of the employer contributions on behalf of elective officers or other employees of Hennepin county who are covered by the retirement fund pursuant to section 422A.09, subdivision 3, clause (2), 422A.22, subdivision 2, or 488A.115, or Laws 1973, chapter 380, section 3, Laws 1975, chapter 402, section 2, or any other applicable law shall be the obligation of Hennepin county. The retirement board shall prepare an itemized statement of the financial requirements of the fund payable by Hennepin county, which shall be submitted prior to September 15. Contributions by Hennepin county shall be made at times designated by the retirement board. Hennepin county may levy for its contribution to the retirement fund.

**Subd. 2a. Contributions by metropolitan airport commission and metropolitan waste control commission.** The metropolitan airport commission and the waste control commission shall pay to the Minneapolis employees retirement fund annually in installments as specified in subdivision 3 the share of the additional support rate required for full amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities by June 30, 2017, that is attributable to airport commission or waste control commission employees who are members of the fund. The amount of the payment shall be determined utilizing the most recent actuarial valuation prepared by the actuary retained by the legislative commission on pensions and retirement.

**Subd. 3. State contributions.** The state shall pay to the Minneapolis employees retirement fund annually an amount equal to the financial requirements of the Minneapolis employees retirement fund reported in the actuarial valuation of the fund prepared by the commission-retained actuary pursuant to section 356.215 for the most

recent year but based on a target date for full amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities by June 30, 2017, less the amount of employee contributions required pursuant to section 422A.10, and the amount of employer contributions required pursuant to subdivisions 1a, 2, and 2a. Payments shall be made in four equal installments, occurring on March 15, July 15, September 15, and November 15 annually.

**History:** 1987 c 259 s 70

#### **422A.15 SERVICE ALLOWANCE; CONTRIBUTING EMPLOYEES.**

*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1986]*

**Subd. 2. Withdrawal of voluntary contributions.** Voluntary additions to the employee's deposits made by the employee under section 422A.10 may be withdrawn by the retiring employee or, with the approval of the retirement board, applied to the purchase of an additional annuity computed and determined under a procedure specified by the actuary retained by the legislative commission on pensions and retirement utilizing the appropriate mortality table established by the board of trustees based on the experience of the fund as recommended by the commission-retained actuary and using the applicable postretirement interest rate assumption specified in section 356.215, subdivision 4d.

**Subd. 3. Optional defined contribution annuity.** In lieu of the formula pension and annuity, a person who was a contributing member on April 28, 1973, who is eligible to retire and who ceases to be employed and who qualifies for retirement shall have the option of electing to receive a retirement allowance known as "the \$2 bill and annuity."

If a member of the contributing class makes the election provided for in this section, the member shall receive a minimum pension of \$2 per month for each year of service. The pension shall be the actuarial equivalent of the accumulated amounts of the annual installments as may be fixed and designated by law throughout the period of service of the retiring employee, not to exceed 25 years, accumulated to the date of retirement at six percent compound interest, and such extra credit to be provided by the city as will produce the minimum pension of \$2 per month for each year of service. The pension shall be in addition to the annuity. The annuity shall be in the actuarial equivalent of the net accumulated contributions to the credit of the retiring employee, calculated at the date of retirement. For the purposes of this chapter, the "service allowance" for members of the contributing class shall consist of an "annuity" and a "pension."

The pension provided for herein shall be the actuarial equivalent of the accumulated annual installments of \$2 per month for each year of service. The sum of \$2 shall be computed as a single life annuity and subject to the option selections provided for in section 422A.17. The pension and annuity provided for in this subdivision shall be first paid from the contributing member's own contributions and normal earned credits, plus interest, until those credits are exhausted.

The retirement allowance provided under this subdivision or any optional annuity form of the retirement allowance shall be computed and determined under a procedure specified by the commission-retained actuary utilizing the appropriate mortality table established by the board of trustees based on the experience of the fund as recommended by the actuary retained by the legislative commission on pensions and retirement and using the applicable postretirement interest rate assumption specified in section 356.215, subdivision 4d.

*[For text of subds 4 and 5, see M.S.1986]*

**History:** 1987 c 259 s 71,72

#### **422A.16 RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE; DEFERRED COMPENSATION.**

*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1986]*

Subd. 2. **Deferred defined contribution annuity.** A person who is a member of the contributing class on April 28, 1973, and who makes the election provided for in this subdivision and in subdivision 1, may, upon attaining the age of 55 years, but before attaining the age of 65 years, or someone acting in the member's behalf, may make application to receive the retirement allowance provided for in section 422A.15, subdivision 3, or an optional retirement allowance in the manner provided for by section 422A.17. The retirement allowance shall be the actuarial equivalent of the city's contribution and the member's deposit, as they were on the date the separation becomes permanent, plus interest, as provided for in section 422A.12.

The retirement allowance provided under this subdivision or any optional annuity form of the retirement allowance shall be computed and determined under a procedure specified by the commission-retained actuary utilizing the appropriate mortality table established by the board of trustees based on the experience of the fund as recommended by the commission-retained actuary and using the applicable postretirement interest rate assumption specified in section 356.215, subdivision 4d.

*[For text of subd 3, see M.S.1986]*

Subd. 3a. **Death while deferred survivor benefit.** If a person who has become permanently separated from the service of the city after 20 or more years of service as a contributing member, has at separation allowed the member's contributions to the fund to remain on deposit, and has filed a written request with the board on prescribed forms, dies before the effective date of retirement as determined by the board, the board shall pay a monthly allowance for life to the surviving spouse of the employee, in lieu of the city credit referred to in section 422A.23. The monthly allowance provided in this subdivision shall be the actuarial equivalent of a single life service allowance specified in section 422A.15, subdivision 1, which would have been payable to the person on the date of death, notwithstanding the age requirement stated in section 422A.15, subdivision 1. For purposes of this subdivision, the amount of any excess contributions or voluntary additions by the person shall not be included in determining the monthly allowance.

The surviving spouse allowance under this subdivision shall be computed and determined under a procedure specified by the commission-retained actuary utilizing the appropriate mortality table established by the board of trustees based on the experience of the fund as recommended by the commission-retained actuary and using the applicable postretirement interest rate assumption specified in section 356.215, subdivision 4d.

*[For text of subds 4 to 9, see M.S.1986]*

Subd. 10. **Deferred allowance augmentation.** Deferred allowances granted under this section shall be calculated as of the date of separation and shall be increased by the interest rate of five percent per year until January 1, 1981, and thereafter by the interest rate of three percent per year, compounded annually.

**History:** 1987 c 259 s 73-75

#### **422A.17 RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE; OPTIONS.**

At retirement, any employee who is eligible to receive a service allowance may elect to receive benefits in a retirement allowance payable throughout life or may on retirement elect to receive the actuarial equivalent at that time of annuity, pension, or retirement allowance in a lesser annuity, or a lesser pension, or a lesser retirement allowance, payable throughout life, with the provisions that:

Option I. If the benefit recipient dies before receiving in payments an amount equal to the present value of the benefit recipient's annuity, pension, or retirement allowance, as of the date of the benefit recipient's retirement, the balance shall be paid to the benefit recipient's legal representatives or to such person, having an insurable interest in the benefit recipient's life, as the benefit recipient shall nominate by written



designation duly acknowledged and filed with the retirement board as of the date of retirement, or

Option II. Upon the death of the benefit recipient, the benefit recipient's annuity, pension, or retirement allowance shall be continued throughout the life of and paid to the person, having an insurable interest in the benefit recipient's life, as the benefit recipient shall nominate by written designation duly acknowledged and filed with the retirement board as of the date of retirement, or

Option III. Upon death of the benefit recipient, one-half of the benefit recipient's annuity, pension, or retirement allowance shall be continued throughout the life of and paid to the person, having an insurable interest in the benefit recipient's life, as the benefit recipient shall nominate by written designation duly acknowledged and filed with the retirement board as of the date of retirement, or

Option IV. Other optional retirement allowance forms shall be paid to the benefit recipient or other person or persons the benefit recipient nominates, provided that the optional annuity is of equivalent actuarial value to the applicable single life annuity calculated under section 422A.15 and is approved by the retirement board.

Any optional retirement allowance shall be computed and determined under a procedure specified by the commission-retained actuary utilizing the appropriate mortality table established by the board of trustees based on the experience of the fund as recommended by the commission-retained actuary and using the applicable postretirement interest rate assumption specified in section 356.215, subdivision 4d.

In adopting optional annuity forms, the board of trustees shall obtain the written recommendation of the commission-retained actuary. The recommendations shall be a part of the permanent records of the board of trustees.

**History:** 1987 c 259 s 76

#### 422A.23 SURVIVOR BENEFITS.

*[For text of subds 1 to 5, see M.S.1986]*

**Subd. 6. Survivor benefit employee contribution.** The retirement board shall create a reserve account for survivor's benefits from which shall be paid on an actuarial basis all survivor benefits due and payable. At the end of each fiscal year, as part of the annual actuarial valuation of the fund prepared by the commission-retained actuary, a determination of the normal cost of the benefits payable from the survivor's benefit account shall be made and the board shall reduce or increase the employee contribution rate of one-fourth of one percent if and when it is determined based on the annual actuarial valuation that the member contribution rate is in excess of or is less than the amount necessary to pay for 50 percent of the calculated normal cost of the survivor benefits provided in this section.

**Subd. 7. Active member survivor coverage.** If the contributing member dies after having been in the service of the city 20 or more years, and before the effective date of retirement, as determined by the retirement board, the board shall pay a monthly allowance for life to the designated beneficiary of the employee. The monthly allowance herein provided for shall be the actuarial equivalent of a single life service allowance specified in section 422A.15, subdivision 1, which would have been payable to the employee on the date of death, notwithstanding the age requirement stated in section 422A.15, subdivision 1. For purposes of this section, the amount of any excess contributions or voluntary additions by the member shall not be included in the calculations in determining the monthly allowance.

The survivor allowance under this subdivision shall be computed and determined under a procedure specified by the commission-retained actuary utilizing the appropriate mortality table established by the board of trustees based on the experience of the fund as recommended by the commission-retained actuary and using the applicable postretirement interest rate assumption specified in section 356.215, subdivision 4d.

*[For text of subds 8 to 10, see M.S.1986]*

**History:** 1987 c 259 s 77,78

### **422A.24 ALLOWANCES NOT ASSIGNABLE OR SUBJECT TO PROCESS.**

No money payable pursuant to this chapter shall be assignable either in law or equity or be subject to execution, levy, attachment, garnishment, or other legal process, except as provided in section 518.58, 518.581, or 518.611, nor shall any of the proceeds of payments due pursuant to this chapter be subject to the inheritance tax provisions of this state upon transfer to a surviving spouse or minor or dependent child of the decedent or a trust for their benefit.

**History:** 1987 c 157 s 9