

354A.29 ST. PAUL TEACHERS RETIREMENT FUND ASSOCIATION POSTRETIREMENT ADJUSTMENT.

Subdivision 1. **Articles of incorporation and bylaws.** Permission is granted for the St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association under Minnesota Statutes, section 354A.12, subdivision 4, to amend its articles of incorporation and bylaws to provide postretirement adjustments under this section.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 2009 c 169 art 7 s 3]

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1Sp2011 c 8 art 2 s 22]

Subd. 4. [Repealed, 2009 c 169 art 7 s 3]

Subd. 5. [Repealed, 2009 c 169 art 7 s 3]

Subd. 6. [Repealed, 2007 c 134 art 7 s 3]

Subd. 7. **Eligibility for payment of postretirement adjustments.** (a) Annually, after June 30, the board of trustees of the St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association must determine the amount of any postretirement adjustment using the procedures in this subdivision and subdivision 8 or 9, whichever is applicable.

(b) On January 1, each eligible person who has been receiving an annuity or benefit under the articles of incorporation, the bylaws, or this chapter for at least three calendar months as of the end of the last day of the previous calendar year is eligible to receive a postretirement increase as specified in subdivision 8 or 9.

Subd. 8. **Calculation of postretirement adjustments; transitional provision.** (a) For purposes of computing postretirement adjustments for eligible benefit recipients of the St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association, the accrued liability funding ratio based on the actuarial value of assets of the plan as determined by the two most recent actuarial valuations prepared under sections 356.214 and 356.215 determines the postretirement increase, as follows:

Funding ratio	Postretirement increase
Less than 80 percent	1 percent
At least 80 percent but less than 90 percent	2 percent

(b) The amount determined under paragraph (a) is the full postretirement increase to be applied as a permanent increase to the regular payment of each eligible member on January 1 of the next calendar year. For any eligible member whose effective date of benefit commencement occurred during the calendar year before the postretirement increase is applied, the full increase amount must be prorated on the basis of whole calendar quarters in benefit payment status in the calendar year prior to the January 1 on which the postretirement increase is applied, calculated to the third decimal place.

(c) If the accrued liability funding ratio based on the actuarial value of assets is at least 90 percent in two consecutive actuarial valuations, this subdivision expires and subsequent postretirement increases must be paid as specified in subdivision 9.

[See Note.]

Subd. 9. **Calculation of postretirement adjustments.** (a) This subdivision applies if subdivision 8 has expired.

(b) A percentage adjustment must be computed and paid under this subdivision to eligible persons under subdivision 7. This adjustment is determined by reference to the Consumer Price Index for urban wage earners and clerical workers all items index as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics within the United States Department of Labor each year as part of the determination of annual cost-of-living adjustments to recipients of federal old-age, survivors, and disability insurance. For calculations of postretirement adjustments under paragraph (c), the term "average third quarter Consumer Price Index value" means the sum of the monthly index values as initially reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the months of July, August, and September, divided by three.

(c) Before January 1 of each year, the executive director must calculate the amount of the postretirement adjustment by dividing the most recent average third quarter index value by the same average third quarter index value from the previous year, subtract one from the resulting quotient, and express the result as a percentage amount, which must be rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one percent.

(d) The amount calculated under paragraph (c) is the full postretirement adjustment to be applied as a permanent increase to the regular payment of each eligible member on January 1 of the next calendar year. For any eligible member whose effective date of benefit commencement occurred during the calendar year before the postretirement adjustment is applied, the full increase amount must be prorated on the basis of whole calendar quarters in benefit payment status in the calendar year prior to the January 1 on which the postretirement adjustment is applied, calculated to the third decimal place.

(e) The adjustment must not be less than zero nor greater than five percent.

History: 1997 c 233 art 3 s 7; 2006 c 271 art 3 s 47; 2009 c 169 art 7 s 1,4; 1Sp2011 c 8 art 2 s 3-5; 2014 c 296 art 11 s 2

NOTE: The amendment to subdivision 8 by Laws 2014, chapter 296, article 11, section 2, is effective July 1, 2015. Laws 2014, chapter 296, article 11, section 2, the effective date.