

3A.12 COVERAGE BY MORE THAN ONE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR ASSOCIATION.

Subdivision 1. **Entitlement to annuity.** (a) Any legislator who has been a member of a retirement plan listed in paragraph (b) is entitled, when otherwise qualified, to a retirement allowance or annuity from each plan if the total allowable service in all plans or in any two of these plans totals ten or more years.

(b) This section applies to any retirement plan or program administered by the Minnesota State Retirement System, or any retirement plan administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association, including the Public Employees Retirement Association police and fire fund, or the Teachers Retirement Association, or the Minneapolis employees retirement plan, or the State Patrol retirement plan, or any other public employee retirement system in the state of Minnesota having a like provision.

(c) This section does not apply to other retirement plans providing benefits for police or firefighters.

(d) No portion of the allowable service upon which the retirement annuity from one plan is based is again used in the computation for benefits from another plan. The annuity from each plan must be determined by the appropriate provisions of the law, except that the requirement that a person must have a minimum number of years of allowable service in the respective system or association does not apply for the purposes of this section if the combined service in two or more of these plans equals ten or more years. The augmentation of deferred annuities provided in section 3A.02, subdivision 4, applies to the annuities accruing under this section.

Subd. 2. **Refund repayment.** A former legislator who has received a refund as provided in section 3A.03, subdivision 2, who is a currently contributing member of a retirement plan specified in subdivision 1, paragraph (b), may repay the refund as provided in section 3A.03, subdivision 2. A member of the legislature who has received a refund from any of the retirement plans specified in subdivision 1 may repay the refund to the respective plan under such terms and conditions consistent with the law governing the retirement plan if the law governing the plan permits the repayment of refunds. If the total amount to be repaid, including principal and interest exceeds \$2,000, repayment may be made in three equal installments over a period of 18 months, with the interest accrued during the period of the repayment added to the final installment.

History: 1975 c 368 s 11; 1977 c 429 s 63; 1981 c 37 s 2; 1981 c 224 s 13; 1981 c 298 s 11; 1986 c 444; 2006 c 271 art 10 s 28