

74-4978l. Affiliation of office of state fire marshal for membership of certain employees; payment of obligations; membership; requirements of members and employer. (a) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 74-4971, and amendments thereto, on or after the effective date of this act, the office of state fire marshal shall affiliate with the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system established under the provisions of K.S.A. 74-4951 et seq., and amendments thereto, pursuant to the provisions of this act for membership in the system of members of the staff of the office of state fire marshal who have successfully completed the required course of instruction for law enforcement officers approved by the Kansas law enforcement training center and are certified pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-5607a, and amendments thereto, and who are employed in a position which such certification is required. For purposes of such affiliation for membership in the system of such members, the office of state fire marshal shall be considered a new participating employer. The office of state fire marshal shall make application for affiliation with such system in the manner provided by K.S.A. 74-4954, and amendments thereto, to be effective on July 1, next following application. The office of state fire marshal shall affiliate for membership in the system of such members for participating service credit.

(2) The office of state fire marshal shall appropriate and pay a sum sufficient to satisfy any obligations as certified by the board of trustees of the retirement system and the employer contributions of the office of state fire marshal shall be as provided in subsection (1) of K.S.A. 74-4967, and amendments thereto.

(b) (1) Each such member of the staff employed by the office of state fire marshal on the date of affiliation, may become a member of the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system on the first day of the payroll period of such member, coinciding with or following the entry date of the office of state fire marshal as provided in this section, only by filing with the board of trustees of the system, on or before the entry date of the office of state fire marshal as provided in this section, a written election to become a member of the system. Failure to file such written election shall be presumed to be an election not to become a member of the system. Such election, whether to become or not to become a member, shall be irrevocable.

(2) Each such member of the staff of the office of state fire marshal who is on an authorized leave of absence or is in the military service on the entry date of the office of state fire marshal as provided in this section may become a member of the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system on the first day of the first payroll period of such member, coinciding with such member's return to active employment and payroll of the office of state fire marshal, only by filing with the board of trustees of the system within 10 days after such return to active employment a written election to become a member of the system. Failure to file such written election shall be presumed to be an election not to become a member of the system. Such election, whether to become a member or not to become a member, shall be irrevocable.

(c) Each such member who is employed as a member of the staff of the office of state fire marshal on or after the entry date of the office of state fire marshal into the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system as provided in this section shall become a member of the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system on the first day of such employment.

(d) If the office of state fire marshal affiliates as provided in this act and each such member of the staff of the office of state fire marshal who elects to become a member as provided in this act, the office of state fire marshal and each such member shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-4951 et seq., and amendments thereto, as applicable.

(e) The division of the budget and the governor shall include in the budget and in the budget request for appropriations for personnel services the amount required to satisfy the employer's obligation under this act as certified by the board of trustees of the system, and shall present the same to the legislature for allowance and appropriations.

(f) The determination of retirement, death or disability benefits shall be computed upon the basis of "credited service" as used in K.S.A. 74-4951 et seq., and amendments thereto, but shall include only participating service with the person's participating employer, commencing on and after the effective date of affiliation by the participating employer with the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system.

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