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Reported from the Committee on Pensions and General Laws, February 26, 2001, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 86.370, 86.447, 86.450, 86.457, 86.463, 86.483, 86.600, 86.620, 86.675, 86.690, 86.750 and 86.780, RSMo 2000, relating to police relief and pension systems, and to enact in lieu thereof thirteen new sections relating to the same subject, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 86.370, 86.447, 86.450, 86.457, 86.463, 86.483, 86.600, 86.620, 86.675, 86.690, 86.750 and 86.780, RSMo 2000, are repealed and thirteen new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 86.370, 86.447, 86.450, 86.457, 86.463, 86.483, 86.600, 86.620, 86.671, 86.675, 86.690, 86.750 and 86.780, to read as follows:

86.370. The following words and phrases as used in sections 86.370 to 86.497, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, shall have the following meanings, and the use of masculine gender shall include the feminine:

(1) "Accumulated contributions", the sum of all amounts deducted from the compensation of a member and paid to the retirement board, together with all amounts paid to the retirement board by a member or by a member's beneficiary, for the purchase of prior service credits or any other purpose permitted under sections 86.370 to 86.497;

(2) "Beneficiary", any person in receipt of pension or other benefit as provided in sections 86.370 to 86.497;

(3) "Board of police commissioners", any board composed of police commissioners and any other officials or boards authorized by law to employ and manage an organized police force in the cities;

EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

(4) "City" or "cities", any city which now has or may hereafter have a population of more than three hundred thousand and less than seven hundred thousand inhabitants;

(5) "Compensation", whenever used in connection with members of the police retirement system created by sections 86.370 to 86.497, and whether used solely or as part of another defined term, the regular compensation which a member would earn during one year on the basis of the stated compensation for his rank and position, and therefore excluding any overtime pay, meal and travel expenses, uniform or other clothing allowances, any sick leave or vacation entitlements accrued from prior years, college incentive or skill incentive allowances and any other allowances available only to particular individuals and not a part of the base stated compensation for all persons holding the given rank and position;

(6) "Creditable service", prior service plus membership service as provided in section 86.423;

(7) "Final compensation", the average annual compensation of a member during his service if less than two years, or the twenty-four months of his service for which he **or she** received the highest salary whether consecutive or otherwise. In computing the average annual compensation of a member under this subdivision, no compensation received for service which occurred after the thirtieth full year of membership service and no compensation attributable to any time a member was suspended from service without pay shall be included. **For any period of time when a member is paid on a frequency other than monthly, the member's salary for such period shall be deemed to be the monthly equivalent of the member's annual rate of compensation for such period;**

(8) "Fiscal year", the fiscal year of the cities;

(9) "Medical board", not less than one nor more than three physicians appointed by the retirement board to arrange for and conduct medical examinations as directed by the retirement board;

(10) "Member", a member of the police retirement system as defined in section 86.380;

(11) "Membership service", all service rendered as a policeman for compensation after June 15, 1946, excluding all probationary service of six months or less served prior to May 1, 1951;

(12) "Pension", annual payments for life, payable monthly, beginning with the date of retirement and ending with death; if the total of such monthly payments plus benefits pursuant to section 86.447 is less than the total of the member's accumulated contributions, the excess of such accumulated contributions over the total of such monthly payments shall be paid in one sum to the beneficiary named by the member;

(13) "Pension fund", the fund resulting from contributions made thereto by the cities affected by sections 86.370 to 86.497 and by the members of the police retirement system;

(14) "Policeman", entitled to membership in the police retirement system created by sections 86.370 to 86.497, is an officer or member of the police department of the cities employed for compensation by the boards of police commissioners of the cities for police duty and includes the

chief of police, lieutenant colonels, majors, superintendents, captains, lieutenants, sergeants, corporals, detectives, patrolmen, supervisors, technicians, radio operators, radio dispatchers, jailers, and matrons, but does not include any police commissioner or members of the police reserve corps, or special officers appointed to serve at elections, or temporary police appointed at school crossings or special officers appointed to serve during emergencies, or anyone employed in a clerical or other capacity not involving police duties; except that any policeman as herein defined, who is assigned to the performance of other duties for the police departments of the cities, by reason of personal injury by accident or disability arising out of and in the course of his employment as a policeman, shall be and remain a member of the police retirement system without regard to the duties performed under such assignment; in case of dispute as to whether any person is a policeman qualified for membership in the retirement system, the decision of the board of police commissioners shall be final;

(15) "Retirement board", the board provided in section 86.393 to administer the retirement system;

(16) "Retirement system", the police retirement system of the cities as defined in section 86.373.

86.447. 1. Upon receipt of the proper proofs of death of a member in service for any reason whatever or of the death of a member after having been retired and pensioned, there shall be paid, in addition to all other benefits **but subject to subsection 7 of this section**, the following:

(1) If a member dies while in service, such member's surviving spouse, if any, shall be paid a base pension equal to forty percent of the final compensation of such member, subject to subsequent adjustments, if any, as provided in section 86.441;

(2) If a member retires or terminates service after August 28, 1999, and dies after commencement of benefits pursuant to the provisions of sections 86.370 to 86.497, the member's surviving spouse, if any, shall be paid a base pension equal to eighty percent of the pension being received by such member, including cost-of-living adjustments to such pension but excluding supplemental retirement benefits, at the time of such member's death, subject to subsequent adjustments, if any, as provided in section 86.441;

(3) If a member retired or terminated service on or before August 28, 1999, and died after August 28, 1999, and after commencement of benefits, such member's surviving spouse shall upon application to the retirement board, be appointed and employed by the retirement board as a special consultant on the problems of retirement, aging and other matters, and upon request of the retirement board shall give opinions and be available to give opinions in writing or orally in response to such requests, as may be required. For such services, the surviving spouse shall, beginning the later of August 28, 1999, or the time of such appointment under this subsection, be compensated in such amount as shall make the benefits received by such surviving spouse pursuant to this subsection equal to eighty percent of the pension being received by such member,

including cost-of-living adjustments to such pension but excluding supplemental retirement benefits, at the time of such member's death, subject to subsequent adjustments, if any, as provided in section 86.441;

(4) Upon the death of any member who is in service after August 28, 2000, and who either had at least twenty-five years of creditable service or was retired or died as a result of an injury or illness occurring in the line of duty or course of employment pursuant to section 86.450, the surviving spouse's benefit provided pursuant to this subsection, without including any supplemental retirement benefits paid such surviving spouse by this retirement system, shall not be less than six hundred dollars per month. For any member who dies, retires or terminates service on or before August 28, 2000, and who either had at least twenty-five years of creditable service or was retired or died as a result of an injury or illness occurring in the line of duty or course of employment pursuant to section 86.450, the surviving spouse shall upon application to the retirement board be appointed by the retirement board as a special consultant on the problems of retirement, aging and other matters, and upon request of the retirement board shall give opinions and be available to give opinions in writing or orally in response to such requests, as may be required. For such services, the surviving spouse shall, beginning the later of August 28, 2000, or the time the appointment is made pursuant to this subsection, be compensated in an amount which without including supplemental retirement benefits provided by this system shall be not less than six hundred dollars monthly. A pension benefit pursuant to this subdivision shall be paid in lieu of any base pension as increased by cost-of-living adjustments granted pursuant to section 86.441. The benefit pursuant to this subdivision shall not be subject to cost-of-living adjustments, but shall be terminated and replaced by the base pension and cost-of-living adjustments to which such spouse would otherwise be entitled at such time as the total base pension and such adjustments exceed six hundred dollars monthly;

(5) Such member's child or children under the age of eighteen years at the time of the member's decease shall be paid fifty dollars per month each, subject to adjustments, if any, as provided in section 86.441, until he or she shall attain the age of eighteen years; however, each such child who is or becomes a full-time student at an accredited educational institution shall continue to receive payments hereunder for so long as such child shall remain such a full-time student or shall be in a summer or other vacation period scheduled by the institution with intent by such child, demonstrated to the satisfaction of the retirement board, to return to such full-time student status upon the resumption of the institution's classes following such vacation period, but in no event shall such payments be continued after such child shall attain the age of twenty-one years except as hereinafter provided. Any child eighteen years of age or older, who is physically or mentally incapacitated from wage earning, so long as such incapacity exists as certified by a member of the medical board, shall be entitled to the same benefits as a child under the age of eighteen;

(6) A funeral benefit of one thousand dollars.

2. For the purposes of this section, "commencement of benefits" shall begin, for any benefit, at such time as all requirements have been met entitling the member to a payment of such benefit at the next following payment date, disregarding advance notice periods required by any paying agent for physical preparation of the payment, so that a member who dies between the date all such requirements are met and the date when the system would have delivered such member's initial payment shall be deemed to have commenced such benefit.

3. If there is no person qualified to receive a pension as a surviving spouse or if a surviving spouse dies, the total amount which would be received by a qualified surviving spouse or which is being received by the surviving spouse at the date of death of such surviving spouse shall be added to the amounts received by and shall be divided among the children under the age of eighteen years and the incapacitated children in equal shares. As each child attains the age of eighteen years or has such incapacity removed, the total of the surviving spouse's pension shall then be added to and divided among the remaining children, and when there is only one child under the age of eighteen years or incapacitated, whether such child is the sole surviving child of the member or the youngest child of several children, the total amount of the surviving spouse's pension shall be paid to the child until such child reaches the age of eighteen years or such incapacity is removed.

4. (1) The surviving spouse of a member who retired or died prior to August 28, 1997, shall not be entitled to receive benefits or the payment of a pension pursuant to sections 86.370 to 86.497 unless marriage to the member occurred at least two years before the member's retirement or at least two years before the death of the member while in service; provided, that no benefits shall be denied pursuant to this subsection to the surviving spouse of a member whose death occurred in the line of duty or from an occupational disease arising out of and in the course of the member's employment.

(2) No surviving spouse of a member who retired or died while in service after August 28, 1997, and before August 28, 2000, shall be entitled to receive any benefits pursuant to this section unless such spouse was married to the member at the time of the member's retirement or death while in service.

(3) Any surviving spouse who would qualify for benefits pursuant to subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection and who has not remarried prior to August 28, 2000, but remarries thereafter, shall upon application to the retirement board be appointed by the retirement board as a special consultant on the problems of retirement, aging and other matters, and upon request of the retirement board shall give opinions and be available to give opinions in writing or orally in response to such requests, as may be required. For such services, such surviving spouse shall be compensated in an amount equal to the benefits such spouse would have received pursuant to sections 86.370 to 86.497 in the absence of such remarriage.

(4) No surviving spouse of a member who retires or dies in service after August 28, 2000,

shall be entitled to receive any benefits pursuant to sections 86.370 to 86.497 unless such spouse was married to the member at the time of the member's retirement or death in service. Any surviving spouse who was married to such a member at the time of the member's retirement or death in service shall be entitled to all benefits for surviving spouses pursuant to sections 86.370 to 86.497 for the life of such surviving spouse without regard to remarriage.

5. If no benefits are otherwise payable to a surviving spouse or child of a deceased member, the member's accumulated contributions, to any extent not fully paid to such member prior to the member's death or to the surviving spouse or child of such member, shall be paid in one lump sum to the member's named beneficiary or, if none, to the member's estate.

6. For purposes of this section, a determination of whether a child of a member is physically or mentally incapacitated from wage earning so that the child is entitled to benefits under this section shall be made at the time of the member's death. If a child becomes incapacitated after the member's death, or if a child's incapacity existing at the member's death is removed and such child later becomes incapacitated again, such child shall not be entitled to benefits as an incapacitated child under the provisions of this section. A child shall be deemed incapacitated only for so long as the incapacity existing at the time of the member's death continues.

7. Any beneficiary of benefits pursuant to sections 86.600 to 86.790 who becomes the surviving spouse of more than one member shall be paid all benefits due a surviving spouse of that member whose entitlements produce the largest surviving spouse benefits for such beneficiary but shall not be paid surviving spouse benefits as the surviving spouse of more than one member.

86.450. 1. Any member who is permanently unable to perform the full and unrestricted duties of a police officer as the natural, proximate and exclusive result of an accident occurring within the actual performance of duty at some definite time and place or through an occupational disease arising exclusively out of and in the course of his or her employment shall be retired by the board of police commissioners upon certification by one or more physicians of the medical board of the retirement board that the member is mentally or physically unable to perform the full and unrestricted duties of a police officer, that the inability is permanent or likely to become permanent, and that the member should be retired. The inability to perform the full and unrestricted duties of a police officer means that the member is unable to perform all the essential job functions for the position of police officer as established by the board of police commissioners.

2. Upon such retirement, a member shall receive a pension equal to [sixty] **seventy-five** percent of his or her final compensation for so long as the permanent disability shall continue, during which time such member shall for purposes of this section be referred to as a disability beneficiary. Such pension may be subject to offset or reduction under section 86.460 by amounts paid or payable under any workers' compensation law.

3. Once each year during the first five years following his or her retirement, and at least

once in every three-year period thereafter, the retirement board may, and upon the member's application shall, require any disability beneficiary who has not yet attained the age of sixty years, to undergo a medical examination at a place designated by the medical board or some member thereof. If any disability beneficiary who has not attained the age of sixty years refuses to submit to a medical examination his or her disability pension may be discontinued until his or her withdrawal of such refusal, and if his or her refusal continues for one year, all rights in and to such pension may be revoked by the retirement board.

4. If one or more members of the medical board certify to the retirement board that a disability beneficiary is able to perform the full and unrestricted duties of a police officer, and if the retirement board concurs on the report, then such beneficiary's disability pension shall cease.

5. If upon cessation of a disability pension pursuant to subsection 4 of this section, the former disability beneficiary is restored to active service, he or she shall again become a member, and he or she shall contribute thereafter at the same rate as other members. Upon his or her subsequent retirement, he or she shall be credited with all his or her service as a member, including any years in which such disability beneficiary received a disability pension pursuant to this section.

6. If upon cessation of a disability pension pursuant to subsection 4 of this section, the former disability beneficiary is not restored to active service, such former disability beneficiary shall be entitled to the retirement benefit to which such former disability beneficiary would have been entitled if such former disability beneficiary had terminated service for any reason other than dishonesty, intemperate habits or being convicted of a felony at the time of such cessation of such former disability beneficiary's disability pension. For the purpose of such retirement benefits, such former disability beneficiary will be credited with all the former disability beneficiary's service as a member, including any years in which the former disability beneficiary received a disability beneficiary pension under this section.

86.457. 1. Any member who has completed ten or more years of creditable service and who has become permanently unable to perform the full and unrestricted duties of a police officer as the result of an injury or illness not exclusively caused or induced by the actual performance of his or her official duties or by his or her own negligence, shall be retired by the board of police commissioners upon certification by one or more physicians of the medical board of the retirement board that the member is mentally or physically unable to perform the full and unrestricted duties of a police officer, that the incapacity is permanent or likely to become permanent and that the member should be retired. The inability to perform the full and unrestricted duties of a police officer means that the member is unable to perform all the essential job functions for the position of police officer as established by the board of police commissioners.

2. Upon such retirement, a member shall receive a pension equal to two **and one-half** percent of his final compensation multiplied by the number of years of his creditable service. Such pension shall be paid for so long as the permanent disability shall continue, during which time such

member shall for purposes of this section be referred to as a nonduty disability beneficiary.

3. Once each year during the first five years following such member's retirement, and at least once in every three-year period thereafter, the retirement board may, and upon the member's application shall, require any nonduty disability beneficiary who has not yet attained the age of sixty years, to undergo a medical examination at a place designated by the medical board or some member thereof. If any nonduty disability beneficiary who has not attained the age of sixty years refuses to submit to a medical examination his or her nonduty disability pension may be discontinued until his or her withdrawal of such refusal, and if his or her refusal continues for one year, all rights in and to such pension may be revoked by the retirement board.

4. If one or more members of the medical board certify to the retirement board that a nonduty disability beneficiary is able to perform the full and unrestricted duties of a police officer, and if the retirement board concurs on the report, then such beneficiary's nonduty disability pension shall cease.

86.463. 1. Whenever the service of a member is not terminated by death or retirement, but by order of the board of police commissioners for any reason other than dishonesty, intemperate habits or being convicted of a felony, and the member has not less than ten years of creditable service, the member shall become entitled to an annual pension beginning at the age of sixty, if he **or she** is then living, bearing the same ratio to fifty percent of his **or her** final compensation, as defined in section 86.370, that the number of years of creditable service bears to thirty. When the member has less than ten years of creditable service, upon termination of service he **or she** shall be paid the amount of his **or her** accumulated contributions in one lump sum payment without interest, which shall constitute payment in full of all benefits to which he **or she** might be entitled under sections 86.370 to 86.497.

2. Whenever the service of a member is not terminated by death or retirement, but by voluntary resignation and the member has not less than fifteen years of creditable service, the member may elect not to withdraw his **or her** accumulated contributions and shall become entitled to an annual pension beginning at the age of fifty-five, if he **or she** is then living, equal to two **and one-half** percent of his **or her** final compensation multiplied by the number of years of his **or her** creditable service. When the member has less than fifteen years of creditable service, upon resignation from service he **or she** shall be paid the amount of his **or her** accumulated contributions in one lump sum payment without interest, which shall constitute payment in full of all benefits to which he **or she** might be entitled under sections 86.370 to 86.497.

86.483. 1. The retirement board shall act as trustee of the funds created by or collected pursuant to the provisions of sections 86.370 to 86.497. With appropriate safeguards against loss by the retirement system, the board may designate one or more banks or trust companies to serve as a depository of retirement system funds and intermediary in the investment of those funds and payment of system obligations. The board shall promptly deposit the funds with any such

designated bank or trust company.

2. The retirement board shall have power, in the name and on behalf of the retirement pension system, to purchase, acquire, hold, invest, lend, lease, sell, assign, transfer and dispose of all property, rights, and securities, and enter into written contracts, all as may be necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of sections 86.370 to 86.497. No investment transaction authorized by the retirement board shall be handled by any company or firm in which a member of the board has an interest, nor shall any member of the board profit directly or indirectly from any such investment. All investments shall be made for the account of the retirement system, and any securities or other properties obtained by the retirement board may be held by a custodian in the name of the retirement system, or in the name of a nominee in order to facilitate the expeditious transfer of such securities or other properties. Such securities or other properties may be held by such custodian in bearer form or in book entry form. The retirement system is further authorized to deposit, or have deposited for its account, eligible securities in a central depository system or clearing corporation or in a federal reserve bank under a book entry system as defined in the uniform commercial code, sections 400.8-102 and 400.8-109, RSMo. When such eligible securities of the retirement system are so deposited with the central depository system they may be merged and held in the name of the nominee of such securities depository and title to such securities may be transferred by bookkeeping entry on the books of such securities depository or federal reserve bank without physical delivery of the certificates or documents representing such securities.

3. The income from investments shall be credited [at least annually] to the funds of the retirement system **at frequent intervals satisfactory to the retirement board**. All payments from the funds shall be made by the bank or trust company only upon orders signed by the secretary and treasurer of the retirement board, **except as otherwise provided in this subsection**. No order shall be drawn unless it shall have previously been allowed by **a specific or an ongoing generalized** resolution of the retirement board. In the case of payments for **benefits**, services, supplies or similar items in the ordinary course of business, such board resolutions may be ongoing generalized authorizations, provided that each payment **other than payments to members or beneficiaries for benefits** shall be reported to the board at its next following meeting and shall be subject to ratification and approval by the board. All bonds or securities acquired and held by the retirement board shall be kept in a safe-deposit box, and access thereto shall be had only by the secretary and treasurer, jointly; except that, the retirement board may contract with a bank or trust company to act as the custodian of the bonds and securities, in which case the retirement board may authorize [its secretary and treasurer, jointly,] **such custodian bank or trust company** to order purchases, loans or sales of investments by such custodian bank or trust company, **and may also appoint one or more investment managers to manage investments of the retirement pension system and in the course of such management to order purchases, loans or sales of investments by such custodian bank**

or trust company, subject to such limitations, reporting requirements and other terms and restrictions as the retirement board may include in the terms of each such appointment.

86.600. As used in sections 86.600 to 86.790, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, the following words and phrases mean:

(1) "Accumulated contributions", the sum of all amounts deducted from the compensation of a member and paid to the retirement board, together with all amounts paid to the retirement board by a member or by a member's beneficiary for the purchase of prior service credits or any other purpose permitted under sections 86.600 to 86.790 in all cases with interest thereon at a rate determined from time to time for such purpose by the retirement board;

(2) "Actuarial equivalent", a benefit of equal value when computed upon the basis of the mortality tables and interest rate as shall be adopted by the retirement board;

(3) "Appointing authority", any person or group of persons having power by law to make appointments to any position in the police departments of the cities;

(4) "Beneficiary", any person receiving a benefit from the retirement system as a result of the death of a member;

(5) "Compensation", the basic wage or salary paid an employee for any period, excluding bonuses, overtime pay, expense allowance, and other extraordinary compensation;

(6) "Creditable service", the period of service to which an employee, a former employee, or a member is entitled, as prescribed by sections 86.600 to 86.790;

(7) "Employee", any regularly appointed civilian employee of the police departments of the cities as specified in sections 86.600 to 86.790, who is not eligible to receive a pension from the police pension system;

(8) "Employer", the police boards of the cities as specified in sections 86.600 to 86.790;

(9) "Final compensation", the average annual compensation of a member during his **or her** service if less than two years, or the twenty-four months of his **or her** service for which he **or she** received the highest salary whether consecutive or otherwise. In computing the average annual compensation of a member under this subsection, no compensation attributable to any time a member was suspended from service without pay shall be included. **For any period of time when a member is paid on a frequency other than monthly, the member's salary for such period shall be deemed to be the monthly equivalent of the member's annual rate of compensation for such period;**

(10) "Medical board", the board of physicians chosen by the retirement board;

(11) "Member", any member of the retirement system as provided by sections 86.600 to 86.790;

(12) "Normal retirement", retirement from the service of the employer on or after the normal retirement date;

- (13) "Operative date", the date this retirement system becomes operative;
- (14) "Pension", the annual payments for life which shall be payable in equal monthly installments to a member or his **or her** spouse;
- (15) "Retirement board", the persons appointed or elected to be members of the retirement board for civilian employees of police departments of the cities;
- (16) "Retirement system", the retirement system of the civilian employees of the cities as specified in sections 86.600 to 86.790;
- (17) "Surviving spouse", the legally married wife or husband of a member surviving the member's death.

86.620. 1. [All civilian employees of the police departments of the cities specified herein] **Every person who becomes an employee, as defined in subdivision (7) of section 86.600, after August 28, 2001,** shall become [members] **a member** of the retirement system [on the first day of the month following completion of six months of continuous employment] **defined in sections 86.600 to 86.790** as a condition of **such** employment.

2. All civilian employees of such police departments who have completed six months of continuous employment as of August 13, 1990, but who have not theretofore been members of this retirement system because they were proscribed from participation by provisions of law in effect prior to such date, shall become members on that date.

3. Any employee described in subsection 2 of this section may establish creditable service for purposes of calculating such employee's pension under sections 86.600 to 86.790 for all years of such employee's employment by such police department, by paying as an employee contribution to the retirement system, on or before August 13, 1991, a single sum equal to the aggregate amount of contributions, without interest, which would have been deducted from such employee's compensation for all years pursuant to section 86.760 if such employee had not been proscribed from participation.

4. Except as provided in subsection 5 of this section, upon termination of employment prior to completion of five years of creditable service, an employee member shall be paid all of such member's accumulated contributions to the fund, and such member's membership in the retirement system shall cease and such member shall forfeit all rights to any other benefits under the system arising from such member's service to date of termination.

5. A terminated employee member with five or more years of creditable service may choose to withdraw all of such member's accumulated contributions to the fund, in which case such member shall be paid upon demand the amount of such member's accumulated contributions in one lump payment and all provisions of subsection 4 of this section shall apply, or such terminated employee member may permit such member's contributions to remain in the fund until such member reaches such member's normal retirement date. Should a terminated member choose to withdraw his **or her** contributions, his **or her** membership in the retirement system shall cease,

and he **or she** shall forfeit all rights to any other benefits under the system arising from his **or her** service to date of termination. The following shall apply to members described in this subsection:

(1) If such member retires after August 28, 1999, and allows such member's contributions to remain in the fund, such member shall be entitled to receive a pension upon such member's normal retirement date pursuant to section 86.650 or may elect to receive a pension commencing upon or after any date, prior to his **or her** normal retirement date, upon which early retirement would have been permitted pursuant to section 86.660 if such member had remained a civilian employee of such police department, except that in calculating any qualification pursuant to section 86.660, such member shall not be entitled to count any year of creditable service in excess of such member's total years of creditable service at the time of such member's termination of employment. The amount of any pension commenced upon the basis of a date permitted pursuant to section 86.660 shall be computed on the basis of the member's final compensation and number of years of creditable service, subject to such adjustments as may be applicable pursuant to section 86.660 upon which such member relies in electing the commencement of such member's pension;

(2) If such member retired on or before August 28, 1999, and allowed his **or her** contributions to remain in the fund, such member shall upon application to the retirement board be appointed by the retirement board as a special consultant on the problems of retirement, aging and other matters, and upon request of the retirement board shall give opinions and be available to give opinions in writing or orally in response to such requests, as may be required. For such services the member shall, beginning the later of August 28, 1999, or the time of such appointment pursuant to this subsection, be entitled to elect to receive compensation in such amount and commencing at such time as such member would have been entitled to elect pursuant to any of the provisions of section 86.660 if such member had terminated service after August 28, 1999. Such member shall be entitled to the same cost-of-living adjustments following the commencement of such compensation as if such member's compensation had been a pension.

86.671. 1. Any period payment, excluding payments for medical treatment, which may be paid or payable by the cities pursuant to the provisions of any workers' compensation or similar law to a member or to the dependents of a member on account of any disability or death shall be offset against any benefits payable to the recipient of the workers' compensation payments from funds provided by the cities pursuant to the provisions of sections 86.600 to 86.790 on account of the same disability or death. In no event, however, shall the amount paid from funds pursuant to the provisions of sections 86.600 to 86.790 be less than the amount which represents the member's percentage, as defined in subsection 4 of this section, of total benefits payable pursuant to sections 86.600 to 86.790, before any offset for workers' compensation benefits.

2. Any lump sum amount, excluding payments for medical treatments, which may be paid or payable by the cities pursuant to the provisions of any workers'

compensation or similar law to a member or to the dependents of a member on account of any disability or death shall be offset against any benefits payable from funds provided by the cities pursuant to the provisions of sections 86.600 to 86.790 on account of the same disability or death. The amounts by which each periodic payment made pursuant to the provisions of sections 86.600 to 86.790 is offset or reduced shall be computed as the periodic amount necessary to amortize as an annuity over the period of time represented by the respective workers' compensation benefits the total amount of the lump sum settlement received as a workers' compensation benefit by a beneficiary of the retirement system. Such computation shall be based upon the same interest rate and mortality assumptions as used for the retirement system at the time of such computation. In no event, however, shall the amount paid from funds pursuant to the provisions of sections 86.600 to 86.790 be less than the amount which represents the member's percentage, as defined in subsection 4 of this section, of total benefits payable pursuant to sections 86.600 to 86.790, before any offset for workers' compensation benefits.

3. The retirement board shall adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section.

4. As used in this section, the term "member's percentage" shall be the fraction of which the numerator is the percentage of compensation contributed by a working member to the retirement pension system pursuant to section 86.760 during the pay period immediately preceding such member's death or disability which created entitlement to benefits and the denominator is the sum of percentages of a member's compensation contributed by a working member and the city pursuant to section 86.760 to the retirement pension system during such pay period. Such percentage shall identify the portion of any benefits due pursuant to the provisions of sections 86.600 to 86.790 which is deemed to have been provided by the member's own contributions.

86.675. 1. Any member, **as defined in subsection 4 of this section**, who is entitled to a pension under sections 86.600 to 86.790 may receive, in addition to such member's base pension, a cost-of-living adjustment in an amount not to exceed three percent of such base pension during any one year, provided that the retirement system shall remain actuarially sound. The determination of whether the retirement system will remain actuarially sound shall be made at the time such cost-of-living adjustment is granted. If at any time the retirement system becomes actuarially unsound, pension payments shall continue as adjusted by increases theretofore granted. A member of the retirement board shall have no personal liability for granting increases under this subsection if that retirement board member in good faith relied and acted upon advice of a qualified actuary that the retirement system would remain actuarially sound.

2. The cost-of-living adjustment provided by this section shall be an increase or decrease

computed on the base pension amount by the retirement board in an amount that the board, in its discretion, determines to be satisfactory, but in no event shall the adjustment be more than three percent or reduce the pension to an amount less than the base pension.

3. In determining and granting the cost-of-living adjustments provided by this section, the retirement board shall adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section, including provisions for the manner of computation of such adjustments and the effective dates thereof. The retirement board shall provide for such adjustments to be determined once each year and granted on a date or dates to be chosen by the board, and may apply such adjustments in full to members who have retired during the year prior to such adjustments but who have not been retired for one full year.

4. As used in this section, the term "base pension" shall mean the pension computed under the provisions of the law as of the date of retirement of the member without regard to cost-of-living adjustment. As used in this section, the term "member" shall include:

- (1) A surviving spouse [who has not remarried;] **without regard to remarriage; and**
- (2) [Any children of a member who are entitled to receive part or all of the pension which would be received by a surviving spouse who had not remarried or died; and
- (3) A surviving spouse (whether or not remarried)] **A surviving spouse, without regard to remarriage,** who is receiving an optional annuity pursuant to an election pursuant to subsection 2 of section 86.650.

5. If a member who has been retired and receiving a pension dies after August 28, 2001, the surviving spouse of such member entitled to receive a base pension pursuant to section 86.690 shall also receive a percentage cost-of-living adjustment to his or her respective base pension equal to the total percentage cost-of-living adjustments received during such member's lifetime pursuant to this section.

86.690. 1. Upon death **after August 28, 2001,** of a member for any cause prior to retirement, the following amounts shall be payable **subject to subsection 5 of this section,** as full and final settlement of any and all claims for benefits under this retirement system:

(1) If the member has less than five years of creditable service, the member's surviving spouse shall be paid, in a lump sum, the amount of accumulated contributions and interest. If there be no surviving spouse, payment shall be made to the member's designated beneficiary, or if none, to the executor or administrator of the member's estate.

(2) If the member has at least five, but less than twenty years of creditable service, the member's surviving spouse may elect, in lieu of the lump sum settlement in subdivision (1) of this subsection, an annuity. Such annuity shall be one-half of the member's accrued annuity at date of death as computed in section 86.650. The effective date of the election shall be the latter of the first day of the month after the member's death or attainment of what would have been the member's early retirement date as provided in section 86.660.

(3) If the member has at least twenty years of creditable service, the member's surviving spouse may elect, in lieu of the lump sum settlement in subdivision (1) of this subsection, the larger of the annuity as computed in subdivision (2) of this subsection or an annuity determined on a joint and survivor's basis from the actuarial value of the member's accrued annuity at date of death.

(4) Any death of a retired member occurring before the date of first payment of the retirement annuity shall be deemed to be a death before retirement.

(5) [Should a surviving spouse remarry, benefits from this retirement system shall cease as of the first day of the month following such remarriage] **Benefits payable pursuant to this section shall continue for the lifetime of such surviving spouse without regard to remarriage.**

(6) No surviving spouse of a member who dies in service after August 28, 2001, shall be entitled to receive any benefits pursuant to sections 86.600 to 86.790 unless such spouse was married to the member at the time of the member's death in service.

2. Upon death **following retirement for any cause after August 28, 2001**, of a member [following retirement for any cause] **who has not elected the optional annuity pursuant to section 86.650**, the member's surviving spouse shall receive a pension payable for life, [or until the first day of the month following remarriage,] equaling one-half of the member's normal retirement allowance, computed under section 86.650, as of the member's actual retirement date, **subject to adjustments provided in subsection 5 of section 86.675, if any; provided, no surviving spouse of a member who retires after August 28, 2001, shall be entitled to receive any benefits pursuant to sections 86.600 to 86.790 unless such spouse was married to the member at the time of the member's retirement. Any surviving spouse who was married to such a member at the time of the member's retirement shall be entitled to all benefits for surviving spouses pursuant to sections 86.600 to 86.790 for the life of such surviving spouse without regard to remarriage.** If there be no surviving spouse, payment of the member's accumulated contributions less the amount of any prior payments from the retirement system to the member or to any beneficiary of the member shall be made to the member's designated beneficiary or, if none, to the personal representative of the member's estate.

3. **Any surviving spouse of a member who dies in service or retired prior to August 28, 2001, who otherwise qualify for benefits pursuant to subsection 1 or 2 of this section and who has not remarried prior to August 28, 2001, but remarries thereafter, shall upon application to the retirement board be appointed by the retirement board as a special consultant on the problems of retirement, aging and other matters, and upon request of the retirement board shall give opinions in writing or orally in response to such requests, as may be required. For such services, such surviving spouse shall be compensated in an amount equal to the benefits such spouse would have received pursuant to sections 86.600 to 86.790 in the absence of such remarriage.**

4. Should the total amount paid from the retirement system to a member, the member's surviving spouse and any other beneficiary of the member be less than the member's accumulated contributions, an amount equal to such difference shall be paid to the member's designated beneficiary or, if none, to the personal representative of the member's estate, and such payment shall constitute full and final payment of any and all claims for benefits under the retirement system.

5. Any beneficiary of benefits pursuant to sections 86.600 to 86.790 who becomes the surviving spouse of more than one member shall be paid all benefits due a surviving spouse of that member whose entitlements produce the largest surviving spouse benefits for such beneficiary but shall not be paid surviving spouse benefits as the surviving spouse of more than one member, except that any surviving spouse for whom an election has been made for an optional annuity under subsection 2 of section 86.650 shall be entitled to every annuity for which such surviving spouse has so contracted.

86.750. 1. The retirement board shall act as trustee of the funds created by or collected pursuant to the provisions of sections 86.600 to 86.790. With appropriate safeguards against loss by the retirement system, the board may designate one or more banks or trust companies to serve as a depository of retirement system funds and intermediary in the investment of those funds and payment of system obligations. The board shall promptly deposit the funds with any such designated bank or trust company.

2. The retirement board shall have power, in the name and on behalf of the retirement pension system, to purchase, acquire, hold, invest, lend, lease, sell, assign, transfer and dispose of all property, rights, and securities, and enter into written contracts, all as may be necessary or proper to carry out the provisions of sections 86.600 to 86.790. No investment transaction authorized by the retirement board shall be handled by any company or firm in which a member of the board has an interest, nor shall any member of the board profit directly or indirectly from any such investment. All investments shall be made for the account of the retirement system, and any securities or other properties obtained by the retirement board may be held by the custodian in the name of the retirement system, or in the name of the nominee in order to facilitate the expeditious transfer of such securities or other property. Such securities or other properties may be held by such custodian in bearer form or in book entry form. The retirement system is further authorized to deposit, or have deposited for its account, eligible securities in a central depository system or clearing corporation or in a federal reserve bank under a book entry system as defined in the uniform commercial code, sections 400.8-102 and 400.8-109, RSMo. When such eligible securities of the retirement system are so deposited with the central depository system they may be merged and held in the name of the nominee of such securities depository and title to such securities may be transferred by bookkeeping entry on the books of such securities depository or federal reserve bank without physical delivery of the certificates or documents representing such

securities.

3. The income from investments shall be credited [at least annually] to the funds of the retirement system **at frequent intervals satisfactory to the retirement board**. All payments from the funds shall be made by the bank or trust company only upon orders signed by the secretary and treasurer of the retirement board, **except as otherwise provided in this section**. No order shall be drawn unless it shall have previously been allowed by **a specific or an ongoing generalized** resolution of the retirement board. In the case of payments for **benefits**, services, supplies or similar items in the ordinary course of business, such board resolutions may be ongoing generalized authorizations, provided that each payment **other than payments to members or beneficiaries for benefits** shall be reported to the board at its next following meeting and shall be subject to ratification and approval by the board. All bonds or securities acquired and held by the retirement board shall be kept in a safe-deposit box, and access thereto shall be had only by the secretary and treasurer, jointly; except that, the retirement board may contract with a bank or trust company to act as a custodian of the bonds and securities, in which case the retirement board may authorize [its secretary and treasurer, jointly,] **such custodian bank or trust company** to order purchases, loans or sales of investments by such custodian bank or trust company, **and may also appoint one or more investment managers to manage investments of the retirement pension system and in the course of such management to order purchases, loans or sales of investments by such custodian bank or trust company, subject to such limitations, reporting requirements and other terms and restrictions as the retirement board may include in the terms of each such appointment**.

86.780. The [right of any person to a benefit accruing under the provisions of sections 86.600 to 86.790 and to the] moneys in the various funds created [under] **pursuant to sections 86.600 to 86.790 are hereby exempt from any tax of the state of Missouri or of any other municipality or political subdivision thereof. Neither such funds, nor the right of any person to a benefit accruing pursuant to the provisions of sections 86.600 to 86.790** shall [not] be subject to execution, garnishment, attachment, or to any other process whatsoever and the right shall be unassignable except as specifically provided in sections 86.600 to 86.790 and except for court orders or assignments approved by a court to provide support for family members or a former spouse of any person entitled to benefits under sections 86.600 to 86.790. A revocable request or authorization by a member or a beneficiary to withhold and apply for the requester's convenience some portion or all of a benefit payment, such as a request to apply some portion of a benefit payment to a medical insurance premium, shall not be deemed an assignment prohibited pursuant to this section provided that any such request shall remain revocable at all times except as to payments or withholdings effected prior to any such revocation. The retirement system may, but shall not be obligated to, comply with any such request.

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