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Sec. 3307.42. ~~Application~~ (A) THE STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM SHALL PROVIDE DISABILITY COVERAGE TO EACH MEMBER WHO HAS AT LEAST FIVE YEARS OF TOTAL SERVICE CREDIT.

NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 16, 1992, THE STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT BOARD SHALL GIVE EACH PERSON WHO IS A MEMBER ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT THE OPPORTUNITY TO ELECT DISABILITY COVERAGE EITHER UNDER SECTION 3307.43 OF THE REVISED CODE OR UNDER SECTION 3307.431 OF THE REVISED CODE. THE BOARD SHALL MAIL NOTICE OF THE ELECTION, ACCOMPANIED BY AN EXPLANATION OF THE COVERAGE UNDER EACH OF THE REVISED CODE SECTIONS AND A FORM ON WHICH THE ELECTION IS TO BE MADE, TO EACH MEMBER AT HIS LAST KNOWN ADDRESS. THE BOARD SHALL ALSO PROVIDE THE EXPLANATION AND FORM TO ANY MEMBER AT HIS REQUEST.

REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE MEMBER ACTUALLY RECEIVES NOTICE OF HIS RIGHT TO MAKE AN ELECTION, A MEMBER WHO FAILS TO FILE A VALID ELECTION UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE ELECTED DISABILITY COVERAGE UNDER SECTION 3307.43 OF THE REVISED CODE. TO BE VALID, AN ELECTION MUST BE MADE ON THE FORM PROVIDED BY THE RETIREMENT BOARD, SIGNED BY THE MEMBER, AND FILED WITH THE BOARD NOT LATER THAN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE NOTICE WAS MAILED, OR, IN THE CASE OF A FORM PROVIDED AT THE REQUEST OF A MEMBER, A DATE SPECIFIED BY RULE OF THE RETIREMENT BOARD. ONCE MADE, AN ELECTION IS IRREVOCABLE, BUT IF THE MEMBER CEASES TO BE A MEMBER OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE ELECTION IS VOID. IF A PERSON WHO MAKES AN ELECTION UNDER THIS SECTION ALSO MAKES AN ELECTION UNDER SECTION 145.35 OR 3309.39 OF THE REVISED CODE, THE ELECTION MADE FOR THE SYSTEM THAT PAYS A DISABILITY BENEFIT TO THAT PERSON SHALL GOVERN THE BENEFIT.

DISABILITY COVERAGE SHALL BE PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 3307.431 OF THE REVISED CODE FOR PERSONS WHO BECOME MEMBERS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT AND FOR MEMBERS WHO ELECT UNDER THIS DIVISION TO BE COVERED UNDER SECTION 3307.431 OF THE REVISED CODE.

THE RETIREMENT BOARD MAY ADOPT RULES GOVERNING ELECTIONS MADE UNDER THIS DIVISION.

(B) APPLICATION for A disability ~~retirement~~ BENEFIT may be made by a member, ~~or~~ by a person acting in his behalf, or by the member's employer, provided the member has at least five years of total service credit and has ~~not attained age sixty~~ DISABILITY COVERAGE UNDER SECTION 3307.43 OR 3307.431 OF THE REVISED CODE. The application for A disability ~~retirement~~ BENEFIT shall be made on a form approved by the state teachers retirement board. ~~Any~~ THE BENEFIT PAYABLE TO ANY member whose application is approved shall ~~be retired~~ BECOME EFFECTIVE on the first day of the month next following the later of THE FOLLOWING:

(A)(1) The last day for which compensation was paid; ~~or~~

(B)(2) The attainment of eligibility for ~~benefits provided under this section~~ A DISABILITY BENEFIT.

(C) Medical examination of the member shall be conducted by a competent, disinterested physician or physicians selected by the retirement board to determine whether the member is mentally or physically incapacitated for the performance of duty by a disabling condition, either permanent or presumed to be permanent for twelve continuous months following the filing of an application. Such disability must have occurred since last becoming a member, or it must have increased since last becoming a member to such an extent as to make the disability permanent or presumably permanent for twelve continuous months following the filing of an application.

(D) Application for A disability ~~retirement~~ BENEFIT must be made within two years from the date the member's contributing service terminated, unless the ~~disability has manifested itself in some degree as evidenced by medical records, before the member's contributing service was terminated~~ RETIREMENT BOARD DETERMINES THAT THE MEMBER'S MEDICAL RECORDS DEMONSTRATE CONCLUSIVELY THAT AT THE TIME THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD EXPIRED, THE MEMBER WAS PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY INCAPACITATED FOR DUTY AS A TEACHER AND UNABLE TO MAKE APPLICATION. Application may not be made by any person receiving service retirement benefits under section 3307.38 OR 3307.39 of the Revised Code or any person who, pursuant to section 3307.46 of the Revised Code, has been paid the accumulated contributions standing to the credit of his individual account in the teachers' savings fund.

(E) If such physician or physicians determine that the member qualifies for ~~retirement by reason of~~ A disability BENEFIT, and if the retirement board concurs with such determination, the member shall ~~be retired for~~ RECEIVE A disability BENEFIT UNDER SECTION 3307.43 OR 3307.431 OF THE REVISED CODE. If such physician or physicians determine that the member does not qualify for ~~retirement by reason of~~ A

disability BENEFIT, the report of the examiner or examiners shall be evaluated by a board of medical review composed of three physicians appointed by the retirement board.

(F) The state teachers retirement board shall render an order determining whether or not the applicant shall be granted A disability ~~retirement benefits~~ BENEFIT. Notification to the applicant shall be issued, and upon the request of an applicant who is denied A disability ~~retirement benefits~~ BENEFIT, a hearing or appeal relative to such order shall be conducted in accordance with procedures established by the retirement board.

(G) If an employer files an application to ~~retire~~ FOR a member on disability- BENEFIT as a result of the A member having been separated from service because he is considered to be incapacitated for the performance of duty, and the board denies THE disability ~~retirement~~ BENEFIT, the board shall so certify to the employer and such employer shall restore the member to his previous position and salary or to a similar position and salary.

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