

Sec. 5505.19. Subject to section 5505.26 of the Revised Code, a member of the state highway patrol retirement system who ceases to be an employee of the state highway patrol for any cause except death, disability, or retirement, upon application filed in writing with the state highway patrol retirement board, shall be paid the accumulated contributions, less interest, standing to the credit of the member's individual account in the employees' savings fund. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, five years after a member ceases to be an employee of the patrol any balance of accumulated contributions standing to the member's credit in the employees' savings fund shall be transferred to the income fund and after that shall be paid from that fund to the member, or in the case of a deceased member or retirant who dies leaving no surviving spouse or dependent children or parents, shall be paid from that fund to the estate of the deceased member or retirant, upon application to the board.

A member described in this section who is married at the time of application for payment and would be eligible for age and service retirement under section 5505.16 or 5505.17 of the Revised Code but for a forfeiture ordered under division (A) or (B) of section 2929.192 of the Revised Code shall submit with the application a written statement by the member's spouse attesting that the spouse consents to the payment of the member's accumulated contributions. Consent shall be valid only if it is signed and witnessed by a notary public. The board may waive the requirement of consent if the spouse is incapacitated or cannot be located, or for any other reason specified by the board. Consent or waiver is effective only with regard to the spouse who is the subject of the consent or waiver.