Sec. 5505.16 (1185-16). Retirement; service extension.

Any member of the state highway patrol pension system who has been in the service of the state highway patrol for a period of twenty years as an *** employee according to the rules and regulations adopted by the state highway patrol pension board, and has attained the age of fifty-two years, shall be eligible for participation in the state highway patrol pension fund upon application ***. Any member who attains the age of fifty-five years and has been in the service of the *** patrol for a period of twenty years as an *** employee according to the rules and regulations adopted by the *** board, must file application for retirement with the *** board, and if he refuses or neglects to do so *** such board may deem his application to have been filed on his fifty-fifth birthday. *** Such member may, upon written application, approved by the superintendent of the state highway patrol, be continued in service for a period of one year *** after attaining the age of fifty-five years, or *** until such member has accumulated the twenty years of service.

A member of the *** patrol who separated his service as a member for the purpose of entering the armed service of the United States, and did enter such *** service at any time during the period commencing July I, 1940, and ending September 2, 1945, shall, on computing years of service in the *** patrol, *** be given full credit for the time served in *** such armed services, provided *** he was honorably discharged from the armed service on or before September I, 1947, and *** made application for reinstatement in the *** patrol within ninety days from the date of such discharge. Any member *** desiring credit for military service shall contribute to the pension fund the amount he would have contributed had he had uninterrupted service in the *** patrol. *** Any contributor electing

to secure credit for military service toward retirement *** may make *** his payment in monthly installments over the same number of months as *** were spent in the armed service. The state *** shall pay into the *** pension fund an amount equal to that paid by the *** contributor.

Effective October 1, 1953