

(4) Upon verification of the statements of service the Board of Trustees shall issue prior service certificates certifying to each member the length of service rendered prior to the date of the establishment of the retirement system, with which he is credited on the basis of his statement of service. So long as membership continues a prior service certificate shall be final and conclusive for retirement purposes as to such service, provided, however, that any member may, within one year from the date of issuance or modification of such certificate, request the Board of Trustees to modify or correct his prior service certificate.

When membership ceases such prior service certificate shall become void. Should the employee again become a member, such employee shall enter the system as an employee not entitled to prior service credit.

(5) Creditable service at retirement on which the retirement allowance of a member shall be based shall consist of the membership service rendered by him since he last became a member, and also, if he has a prior service certificate which is in full force and effect, the period of the service certified on his prior service certificate.

5. *Benefits.*

SERVICE RETIREMENT BENEFIT.

(1) (a) Any member in service may retire upon written application to the Board of Trustees setting forth at what time, not less than thirty days nor more than ninety days subsequent to the execution and filing thereof, he desires to be retired, provided that such member at the time so specified for his retirement shall have attained the age of sixty-five and notwithstanding that during such period of notification he may have separated from service.

(b) Any member in service who is not an elected or appointed official of the State and who has attained the age of seventy shall be retired forthwith or on the first day of the next calendar month.

ALLOWANCE FOR SERVICE RETIREMENT.

(2) Upon retirement for service a member shall receive a service retirement allowance which shall consist of.

(a) An annuity which shall be the actuarial equivalent of his accumulated contributions at the time of retirement;

(b) A pension which shall be equal to one one-hundred and fortieth of his average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of his service since he last became a member; and

(c) If he has a prior service certificate in full force and effect, an additional pension which shall be equal to one-