

97B.53B Rollovers of members' accounts.

1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, and to the extent permitted by the internal revenue service:

a. "Direct rollover" means a payment by the system to the eligible retirement plan specified by the member or the member's surviving spouse.

b. "Eligible retirement plan" means either of the following that accepts an eligible rollover distribution from a member or a member's surviving spouse:

(1) An individual retirement account in accordance with section 408(a) of the federal Internal Revenue Code.

(2) An individual retirement annuity in accordance with section 408(b) of the federal Internal Revenue Code.

In addition, an *"eligible retirement plan"* includes an annuity plan in accordance with section 403(a) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, or a qualified trust in accordance with section 401(a) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, that accepts an eligible rollover distribution from a member. Effective January 1, 2002, the term *"eligible retirement plan"* also includes an annuity contract described in section 403(b) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, and an eligible plan under section 457(b) of the federal Internal Revenue Code which is maintained by a state, political subdivision of a state, or any agency or instrumentality of a state or political subdivision of a state that chooses to separately account for amounts transferred into such eligible retirement plan from the system.

c. (1) "Eligible rollover distribution" includes any of the following:

(a) All or any portion of a member's account and supplemental account.

(b) Effective January 1, 2002, after-tax employee contributions, if the plan to which such amounts are to be transferred is an individual retirement account described in federal Internal Revenue Code section 408(a) or 408(b), or is a qualified defined contribution plan described in federal Internal Revenue Code section 401(a) or 403(a), and such plan agrees to separately account for the after-tax amount so transferred.

(c) A distribution made on behalf of a surviving spouse and to an alternate payee, who is a spouse or former spouse, under a qualified domestic relations order.

(2) An eligible rollover distribution does not include any of the following:

(a) A distribution that is one of a series of substantially equal periodic payments, which occur annually or more frequently, made for the life or life expectancy of the distributee or the joint lives or joint life expectancies of the distributee and the distributee's designated beneficiary, or made for a specified period of ten years or more.

(b) A distribution to the extent that the distribution is required pursuant to section 401(a)(9) of the federal Internal Revenue Code.

(c) Prior to January 1, 2002, the portion of any distribution that is not includible in the gross income of the distributee, determined without regard to the exclusion for net unrealized appreciation with respect to employer securities.

2. Effective January 1, 1993, a member or a member's surviving spouse may elect, at the time and in the manner prescribed in rules adopted by the system, to have the system pay all or a portion of an eligible rollover distribution directly to an eligible retirement plan, specified by the member or the member's

surviving spouse, in a direct rollover.

94 Acts, ch 1183, §48; 96 Acts, ch 1187, § 50; 2000 Acts, ch 1077, §65; 2001 Acts, ch 68, §21, 24; 2002 Acts, ch 1135, §30, 38; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §286; 2004 Acts, ch 1103, §48, 61

2002 amendments take effect April 26, 2002, and apply retroactively on and after January 1, 2002; 2002 Acts, ch 1135, §38

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