

**410.10 Pensions — surviving spouse — children — dependents.**

Upon the death of any acting or retired member of such departments, leaving a spouse or minor children, or dependent father or mother surviving, there shall be paid out of said fund as follows:

1. To the surviving spouse, a sum equal to one-half of the deceased member's total adjusted pension as provided for in [section 410.6](#), but in no event less than seventy-five dollars per month.
2. If there be no surviving spouse, or upon the death of such spouse, then to the dependent father and mother, if both survive, or to either dependent parent, if one survives, thirty dollars per month.
3. To the guardian of each surviving child under eighteen years of age, twenty dollars per month.

Effective July 1, 1991, the remarriage of a surviving spouse does not make the spouse ineligible to receive benefits under [this section](#), and for a surviving spouse who remarried prior to July 1, 1991, the remarriage does not make the spouse ineligible to receive benefits under [this section](#).

However, the benefits provided by [this section](#) are subject to the following definitions: The term "*spouse*" means a surviving spouse of a marriage contracted prior to retirement of a deceased member from active service, or of a marriage of a retired member contracted prior to March 2, 1934. Surviving spouse includes a former spouse only if the division of assets in the dissolution of marriage decree pursuant to [section 598.17](#) grants the former spouse rights of a spouse under [this chapter](#). If there is no surviving spouse of a marriage contracted prior to retirement of a deceased member, or of a marriage of a retired member contracted prior to March 2, 1934, surviving spouse includes a surviving spouse of a marriage of two years or more duration contracted subsequent to retirement of the member. The terms "*child*" and "*children*" mean only the surviving issue of a deceased active or retired member, or the child or children legally adopted by a deceased member prior to the member's retirement from active service.

[This section](#) and its provisions shall be interpreted for all purposes as including all surviving spouses.

[S13, §932-e,-n; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §6318; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §410.10; 82 Acts, ch 1142, §1 – 3]

91 Acts, ch 41, §2