

61.590 Retirement conditions -- Effective date.

- (1) A member or beneficiary eligible to receive retirement benefits under any of the provisions of KRS 61.510 to 61.705, 78.510 to 78.852, and 16.510 to 16.652 shall have on file at the retirement office on the form prescribed by the board, notification of retirement, giving his name, address, Social Security number, last day of employment, and other information the system may require. The form entitled "Notification of Retirement" shall not be filed more than six (6) months before the member's effective retirement date.
- (2) Within ten (10) days of the receipt of the form entitled "Notification of Retirement" submitted within two (2) months of the effective date of retirement, the system shall cause to be prepared an estimate of the amounts the member or beneficiary may expect to receive under the various plans available to the member or beneficiary. This information shall be recorded on a form entitled "Estimated Retirement Allowance" and forwarded to the member or beneficiary. If the member submits a form entitled "Notification of Retirement" more than two (2) months prior to the effective retirement date, the system shall provide the form entitled "Estimated Retirement Allowance" within forty-five (45) days of the member's effective retirement date.
- (3) The member or beneficiary shall file at the retirement office the form entitled "Estimated Retirement Allowance" after he has checked the payment option of his choice, signed the document and had his signature witnessed. A member or beneficiary may not select a different payment option after the first retirement allowance payment has been issued by the State Treasurer.
- (4) A member or beneficiary choosing a monthly payment option shall have on file at the retirement office his birth certificate or other acceptable evidence of date of birth. If a survivorship option is chosen, proof of dates of birth of the beneficiary and member shall be on file at the retirement office.
- (5)
 - (a) The effective date of normal retirement shall be the first month following the month in which employment was terminated from a regular full-time position.
 - (b) The effective date of disability retirement shall be the first month following the month in which the member's last day of paid employment in a regular full-time position occurred, provided the member files the form entitled "Estimated Retirement Allowance" no later than six (6) months following the date the notification of approval for disability retirement benefits is mailed. If the member fails to file the form entitled "Estimated Retirement Allowance" within six (6) months of the date the notification of approval for disability retirement benefits is mailed, then the member's form entitled "Notification of Retirement" shall be void. The member shall be required to submit a new form entitled "Notification of Retirement" to apply for disability retirement and reestablish eligibility for disability retirement benefits.
 - (c) The effective date of early retirement shall be the first month following the month the form entitled "Notification of Retirement" is filed at the retirement office or a future month designated by the member, if employment in a regular full-time position has been terminated and if the member files the form

entitled "Estimated Retirement Allowance" no later than six (6) months following termination. If the member fails to file the form entitled "Estimated Retirement Allowance" within six (6) months following the effective retirement date of the member, then the member's form entitled "Notification of Retirement" shall be void and the member shall be required to submit a new form entitled "Notification of Retirement" to apply for early retirement.

- (6) The effective date of a deferred retirement option as provided under KRS 16.576(5) shall be the month following age sixty-five (65), or the month following written notification from the member that he wishes to begin receiving retirement payments. In the event of the death of a member who has deferred his retirement allowance, the effective date of retirement shall be the month following the member's death.
- (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of KRS 16.578 or 61.640, the effective date of a beneficiary's retirement allowance under normal, early, or disability retirement shall be as prescribed in subsection (5) or (6) of this section if the member dies before the first retirement allowance has been issued by the State Treasurer and his beneficiary becomes eligible for payments under KRS 16.578 or 61.640.

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Legislative Research Commission Note (7/13/2004). Although KRS 61.590 was included in 2004 Ky. Acts ch. 36, sec. 13, as having been amended, the change in wording was deleted by House Floor Amendment No. 2 to the House Committee Substitute.