

**TITLE 590. OKLAHOMA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
CHAPTER 15. UNIFORM RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUSTICES AND JUDGES**

SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

590:15-1-3. Withholding [REVOKED]

~~The Executive Director shall be responsible for withholding Federal and State income taxes from benefits paid by the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges, unless election is made to make an estimated tax payment directly to the IRS and the Oklahoma Tax Commission. Alternatives are available to retirants for withholding purposes.~~

590:15-1-21. Required minimum distributions

(a) The retirement system will pay all benefits in accordance with a good faith interpretation of the requirements of Section 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations in effect under that section, as applicable to a governmental plan within the meaning of Section 414(d) of the Internal Revenue Code. The retirement system is subject to the following provisions:

(1) Distribution of a member's benefit must begin by the required beginning date, which is the later of the April 1 following the calendar year in which the member attains age ~~70~~ 72 ~~or such other date as may permitted by the federal Internal Revenue Code~~ or April 1 of the year following the calendar year in which the member terminates. If a member fails to apply for retirement benefits by the later of either of those dates, the Board shall begin distribution of the monthly benefit as required by this rule in the form provided in 20 O.S. §1101 et seq.

(2) The member's entire interest must be distributed over the member's life or the lives of the member and a designated beneficiary, or over a period not extending beyond the life expectancy of the member or of the member and a designated beneficiary.

(3) If a member dies after the required distribution of benefits has begun, the remaining portion of the member's interest must be distributed at least as rapidly as under the method of distribution before the member's death.

(4) If a member dies before required distribution of the member's benefits has begun, the member's entire interest must be either:

(A) Distributed (in accordance with federal regulations) over the life or life expectancy of the designated beneficiary, with the distributions beginning no later than December 31 of the calendar year following the calendar year of the member's death (or, if the designated beneficiary is the member's surviving spouse, beginning no later than the date on which the member would have attained age ~~70~~ 72 ~~or such other date as may permitted by the federal Internal Revenue Code~~), or

(B) distributed within five (5) years of the member's death.

(5) The amount of an annuity paid to a member's beneficiary may not exceed the maximum determined under the incidental death benefit requirement of Section 401(a)(9)(G) of the Internal Revenue Code, and the minimum distribution incidental benefit rule under Treasury Regulation Section 1.401(a)(9)-6, Q&A-2.

(6) The death and disability benefits provided by the retirement system are limited by the incidental benefit rule set forth in Section 401(a)(9)(G) of the Internal Revenue Code and Treasury Regulation Section 1.401-1(b)(1)(i) or any successor regulation thereto. As

a result, the total death or disability benefits payable may not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the cost for all of the members' benefits received from the retirement system.

(b) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this rule or the provisions of the Treasury Regulations, benefit options may continue so long as the option satisfies Section 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code based on a reasonable and good faith interpretation of that section.

(c) The retirement system shall make reasonable efforts to locate missing members, survivors and beneficiaries in order to comply with the required minimum distribution provisions of Section 401(a)(9). Reasonable efforts may include using any contact information the retirement system may have available for a member or any type of locator service.