38.2402 Retirement board; determining service credits; forfeiture; reinstatement; service credit for limited period or specific assignment.

Sec. 402. (1) The retirement board shall credit each member with the number of years and months of service for which the member performed service as a judge or state official. The retirement board shall credit service for the month in which the member's retirement becomes effective if the member retires from service before the end of the month and the member terminates his or her service after the fifteenth of the month. Except as provided in subsection (4), the retirement board shall not credit service for any month for which a member receives less than 1 month's salary. The retirement board shall not credit more than 1/12 of a year of service for all service rendered in a 30-consecutive day period. After a member who is a judge attains age 70, the retirement board shall not credit service after the end of the term in which the judge attains age 70.

(2) A member's credited service is forfeited at the time his or her membership terminates, except upon becoming a retirant or as provided in section 502.

(3) The retirement system shall reinstate credited service forfeited because of a break in membership in the member's service account if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) The person, upon return to membership, acquires 6 months or more of credited service performed as a member of this retirement system subsequent to the break in service that caused the forfeiture.

(b) The member pays to the retirement system all accumulated contributions previously paid to the member, plus interest from the date of payment to the member to the date of repayment to the retirement system.

(4) Except as provided in this subsection and subject to the requirements of this subsection, the retirement system shall grant credited service to the same extent as provided in subsection (1) to a member who is serving as a judge for a limited period or a specific assignment as authorized by the supreme court pursuant to section 23 of article VI of the state constitution of 1963. The retirement system shall grant 1/12 of a year of credited service for a 30-consecutive day period in which a member described in this subsection performs service and receives a salary under the following circumstances:

(a) The member performs service for at least 20 days in the 30-consecutive day period.

(b) The member receives a salary that is not less than the pro rata of the state base salary for the court in which the service is performed.