

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 101-335, §3(c), July 17, 1990, 104 Stat. 321, provided that: "Subsections (a) and (b), and the amendments made by such subsections [amending this section and sections 8438, 8440a, and 8440b of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 8438 of this title], shall be effective as of the second election period described in section 8432(b) of title 5, United States Code, beginning after the date of enactment of this Act [July 17, 1990], or as of such earlier date as the Executive Director may by regulation prescribe."

Pub. L. 101-335, §6(c), July 17, 1990, 104 Stat. 324, provided that: "This section, and the amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 8401, 8433, 8435, 8440a, and 8440b of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 8433 of this title], shall be effective as of the second election period described in section 8432(b) of title 5, United States Code, beginning after the date of enactment of this Act [July 17, 1990] (or as of such earlier date as the Executive Director may by regulation prescribe), and shall apply with respect to separations occurring before, on, or after that effective date."

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-238, title I, §111(b), Jan. 8, 1988, 101 Stat. 1750, provided that: "The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall be effective as of March 31, 1987. Any refund which becomes payable as a result of the preceding sentence shall, to the extent that such refund involves an individual's contributions to the Thrift Savings Fund (established under section 8437 of title 5, United States Code), be adjusted to reflect any earnings attributable thereto."

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Jan. 1, 1987, see section 702(a) of Pub. L. 99-335, set out as a note under section 8401 of this title.

## PERIOD WHEN ELECTION MAY FIRST BE MADE

Pub. L. 99-335, title II, §206(b), June 6, 1986, 100 Stat. 594, as amended by Pub. L. 99-509, title VI, §6001(b), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1930, provided that an election could first be made by a Federal employee or a Member of Congress under 5 U.S.C. 8351 (a)(2) during an election period prescribed by Executive Director of Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board to begin on Apr. 1, 1987, with such election to take effect on first day of employee's or Member's first pay period which began on or after the date of the election. The maximum amount that an employee or Member could elect to contribute during any pay period which began on or after Apr. 1, 1987, and before Oct. 1, 1987, was an amount equal to 7.5 percent of the individual's basic pay for that period.

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## AMENDMENTS

2012—Pub. L. 112-141, div. F, title I, § 100121(b)(2), July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 914, added item 8412a.

2009—Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title XIX, § 1904(b)(3)(B), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2617, added item 8422 and struck out former item 8422 “Deductions from pay; contributions for other service”.

Pub. L. 111-31, div. B, title I, §§ 103(b), 107(b), June 22, 2009, 123 Stat. 1854, 1856, added items 8432d and 8480.

2001—Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title XI, § 1132(b)(2)(C), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1244, substituted “other service” for “military service” in item 8422.

2000—Pub. L. 106-554, § 1(a)(4) [div. B, title I, § 138(a)(7)(B)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-234, added item 8440f.

1999—Pub. L. 106-168, title II, § 203(a)(2), Dec. 12, 1999, 113 Stat. 1820, added item 8431.

Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, § 1000(a)(7) [div. A, title III, § 334(b)], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1536, 1501A-441, added item 8432c.

Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title VI, §§ 661(a)(2)(B), 663, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 671, 673, as amended by Pub. L. 106-398, § 1 [(div. A), title VI, § 661(a)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-167, added item 8440e, effective 180 days after Oct. 30, 2000, unless postponed.

1998—Pub. L. 105-368, title V, § 512(b)(2)(B), Nov. 11, 1998, 112 Stat. 3342, substituted “Judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims” for “Judges of the United States Court of Veterans Appeals” in item 8440d.

1996—Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, § 101(f) [title VI, § 659 [title II, § 206(b)(1)]], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-314, 3009-372, 3009-378, struck out item 8431 “Definition”.

1994—Pub. L. 103-353, § 4(a)(2), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3172, added item 8432b.

1992—Pub. L. 102-572, title IX, § 902(b)(2), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4516, substituted “Court of Federal Claims” for “Claims Court” in item 8440c.

Pub. L. 102-378, § 5(d)(2), Oct. 2, 1992, 106 Stat. 1358, amended directory language of Pub. L. 101-198, § 7(c)(4)(B). See 1991 Amendment note below.

1991—Pub. L. 102-198, § 7(c)(2), Dec. 9, 1991, 105 Stat. 1625, redesignated item 8440b “Claims Court judges” as item 8440c.

Pub. L. 102-198, § 7(c)(4)(B), Dec. 9, 1991, 105 Stat. 1625, as amended by Pub. L. 102-378, § 5(d)(2), Oct. 2, 1992, 106 Stat. 1358, redesignated item 8440c “Judges of the United States Court of Veterans Appeals” as item 8440d.

Pub. L. 102-82, § 5(a)(2), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 376, added item 8440c “Judges of the United States Court of Veterans Appeals”.

1990—Pub. L. 101-650, title III, § 306(d)(2), Dec. 1, 1990, 104 Stat. 5111, which directed the amendment of the table of sections for this chapter by adding at the end thereof item 8440b “Claims Court judges”, was executed by adding that item after the first item 8440b.

Pub. L. 101-335, §§ 2(a)(2), 9(b), July 17, 1990, 104 Stat. 320, 326, added item 8432a and redesignated item 8440a “Bankruptcy judges and magistrates” as item 8440b.

1988—Pub. L. 100-659, § 7(b), Nov. 15, 1988, 102 Stat. 3920, added item 8440a “Bankruptcy judges and magistrates”.

Pub. L. 100-654, title IV, § 401(b), Nov. 14, 1988, 102 Stat. 3847, added item 8440a “Justices and judges”.

Pub. L. 100-238, title I, § 124(a)(2), (b)(2), Jan. 8, 1988, 101 Stat. 1756, added item 8464a, redesignated item 8457

as 8456, and struck out former item 8456 “Relationship to workers’ compensation”.

1986—Pub. L. 99-556, title I, § 110(b), Oct. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 3132, added item 8478a.

## CHANGE OF NAME

Words “magistrate judges” substituted for “magistrates” in item 8440b pursuant to section 321 of Pub. L. 101-650, set out as a note under section 631 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

## SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

## § 8401. Definitions

For the purpose of this chapter—

(1) the term “account” means an account established and maintained under section 8439(a) of this title;

(2) the term “annuitant” means a former employee or Member who, on the basis of that individual’s service, meets all requirements for title to an annuity under subchapter II or V of this chapter and files claim therefor;

(3) the term “average pay” means the largest annual rate resulting from averaging an employee’s or Member’s rates of basic pay in effect over any 3 consecutive years of service or, in the case of an annuity under this chapter based on service of less than 3 years, over the total service, with each rate weighted by the period it was in effect;

(4) the term “basic pay” has the meaning given such term by section 8331(3);

(5) the term “Board” means the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board established by section 8472(a) of this title;

(6) the term “Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund” or “Fund” means the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund under section 8348;

(7) the term “court” means any court of any State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands, and any Indian court;

(8) the term “Director” means the Director of the Office of Personnel Management;

(9) the term “dynamic assumptions” means economic assumptions that are used in determining actuarial costs and liabilities of a retirement system and in anticipating the effects of long-term future—

- (A) investment yields;
- (B) increases in rates of basic pay; and
- (C) rates of price inflation;

(10) the term “earnings”, when used with respect to the Thrift Savings Fund, means the amount of the gain realized or yield received from the investment of sums in such Fund;

(1) the term “employee” means—

(A) an individual referred to in subparagraph (A), (E), (F), (H), (I), (J), or (K) of section 8331(1) of this title;

(B) a Congressional employee as defined in section 2107 of this title, including a temporary Congressional employee and an employee of the Congressional Budget Office; and

(C) an employee described in section 2105(c) who has made an election under section 8461(n)(1) to remain covered under this chapter;