

otherwise begin receiving covered retired pay; and

(B) reducing the aggregate amount estimated pursuant to subparagraph (A) by an appropriate percentage determined by the Secretary—

(i) using average personal discount rates (as defined and calculated by the Secretary taking into consideration applicable and reputable studies of personal discount rates for military personnel and past actuarial experience in the calculation of personal discount rates under this paragraph); and

(ii) in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles and practices.

(3) TIMING OF ELECTION.—An eligible person shall make the election under this subsection not later than 90 days before the date of the retirement of the eligible person from the uniformed services.

(4) SINGLE PAYMENT OR COMBINATION OF PAYMENTS.—An eligible person may elect to receive a lump sum payment under this subsection in a single payment or in a combination of payments.

(5) COMMENCEMENT OF PAYMENT.—An eligible person who makes an election under this subsection shall receive the lump sum payment, or the first installment of a combination of payments of the lump sum payment if elected under paragraph (4), as follows:

(A) Not later than 60 days after the date of the retirement of the eligible person from the uniformed services.

(B) In the case of an eligible person who is a member of a reserve component, not later than 60 days after the earlier of—

(i) the date on which the eligible person attains 60 years of age; or

(ii) the date on which the eligible person first becomes entitled to covered retired pay.

(6) NO SUBSEQUENT ADJUSTMENT.—An eligible person who accepts payment of a lump sum under this subsection may not seek the review of or otherwise challenge the amount of the lump sum in light of any variation in cost-of-living adjustments under section 1401a of this title, actuarial assumptions, or other factors used by the Secretary in calculating the amount of the lump sum that occur after the Secretary pays the lump sum.

(c) RESUMPTION OF MONTHLY ANNUITY.—

(1) GENERAL RULE.—Subject to paragraph (2), an eligible person who makes an election described in subsection (b)(1) shall be entitled to receive the eligible person’s monthly covered retired pay calculated in accordance with paragraph (2) after the eligible person attains the eligible person’s retirement age.

(2) RESTORATION OF FULL RETIREMENT AMOUNT AT RETIREMENT AGE.—The retired pay of an eligible person who makes an election described in subsection (a) shall be recomputed, effective on the first day of the first month beginning after the person attains the eligible person’s retirement age, so as to be an amount equal to the amount of covered retired pay to which the eligible person would other-

wise be entitled on that date if the annual increases, in the retired pay of the eligible person made to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index, had been made in accordance with section 1401a of this title.

(d) PAYMENT OF RETIRED PAY TO PERSONS NOT MAKING ELECTION.—An eligible person who does not make the election described in subsection (b)(1) shall be paid the retired pay to which the eligible person is otherwise entitled under the applicable provisions of law referred to in subsection (a)(1).

(e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense concerned¹ shall prescribe regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

(Added Pub. L. 114–92, div. A, title VI, § 633(a)(1), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 847; amended Pub. L. 114–328, div. A, title X, § 1081(a)(4), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2417.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(C), is title II of Pub. L. 107–372, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3082, which is classified principally to chapter 43 (§3001 et seq.) of Title 33, Navigation and Navigable Waters. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 3001 of Title 33 and Tables.

The Public Health Service Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(D), is act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, 58 Stat. 682, which is classified generally to chapter 6A (§201 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 201 of Title 42 and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2016—Subsec. (b)(1)(B)(ii). Pub. L. 114–328 inserted period at end.

EFFECTIVE DATE; IMPLEMENTATION

Section effective Jan. 1, 2018, with certain implementation requirements, see section 635 of Pub. L. 114–92, set out as an Effective Date of 2015 Amendment; Implementation note under section 8432 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

CHAPTER 73—ANNUITIES BASED ON RETIRED OR RETAINER PAY

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AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108–375, div. A, title VI, §644(b)(2), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1961, struck out item for subchapter III “Supplemental Survivor Benefit Plan”, effective Apr. 1, 2008.

1990—Pub. L. 101–510, div. A, title VI, §631(1), title XIV, §1484(l)(4)(A), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1580, 1719, amended Pub. L. 101–189, §1404(a)(2), see 1989 Amendment note below.

1989—Pub. L. 101–189, div. A, title XIV, §1404(a)(2), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1586, as amended by Pub. L. 101–510, div. A, title VI, §631(1), title XIV, §1484(l)(4)(A), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1580, 1719, added item for subchapter III, effective Apr. 1, 1992.

1980—Pub. L. 96–513, title V, §511(54)(A), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2925, amended chapter heading to read: “ANNUITIES BASED ON RETIRED OR RETAINER PAY”.

¹ So in original.

1972—Pub. L. 92-425, §1(1), Sept. 21, 1972, 86 Stat. 706, added subchapter analysis and amended chapter heading by inserting “; SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN” after “PAY” which could not be executed as directed in view of amendment by Pub. L. 87-381.

1961—Pub. L. 87-381, §1(1), Oct. 4, 1961, 75 Stat. 810, substituted “RETIRED SERVICEMAN’S FAMILY PROTECTION PLAN” for “ANNUITIES BASED ON RETIRED OR RETAINER PAY” in chapter heading.

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AMENDMENTS

1999—Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title VI, §655(b), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 667, added item 1436a.

1991—Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title VI, §654(b)(2), Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1390, added item 1444a.

1972—Pub. L. 92-425, §1(2)(B), (C), Sept. 21, 1972, 86 Stat. 706, struck out item 1443 “Board of Actuaries”, and struck out “reports to Congress” from item 1444.

1961—Pub. L. 87-381, §6(2), (3), Oct. 4, 1961, 75 Stat. 812, inserted “; withdrawal for severe financial hardship” in item 1436, and added items 1445 and 1446.

§ 1431. Election of annuity: members of armed forces

(a) This section applies to all members of the armed forces except—

(1) members whose names are on a retired list other than a list maintained under section 12774(a) of this title;

(2) cadets at the United States Military Academy, the United States Air Force Academy, or the Coast Guard Academy; and

(3) midshipmen.

(b) To provide an annuity under section 1434 of this title, a person covered by subsection (a) may elect to receive a reduced amount of the retired pay or retainer pay to which he may become entitled as a result of service in his armed force. Except as otherwise provided in this section, unless it is made before he completes nineteen years of service for which he is entitled to credit in the computation of his basic pay, the election must be made at least two years before the first day for which retired pay or retainer pay is granted. However, if, because of military operations, a member is assigned to an isolated station or is missing, interned in a neutral country, captured by a hostile force, or beleaguered

or besieged, and for that reason is unable to make an election before completing nineteen years of that service, he may make the election, to become effective immediately, within one year after he ceases to be assigned to that station or returns to the jurisdiction of his armed force, as the case may be. A member to whom retired pay or retainer pay is granted retroactively, and who is otherwise eligible to make an election, may make the election within ninety days after receiving notice that such pay has been granted to him. An election made after August 13, 1968, is not effective if—

(1) the elector dies during the first thirty-day period he is entitled to retired pay as a result of a physical condition which led to his being granted retired pay under chapter 61 of title 10 with a disability of 100 per centum under the standard schedule of rating disabilities in use by the Department of Veterans Affairs at the time of the determination of the per centum of his disability;

(2) the disability was not the result of injury or disease received in line of duty as a direct result of armed conflict; and

(3) his surviving spouse or children are entitled to dependency and indemnity compensation under chapter 13 of title 38 based upon his death.

(c) An election may be changed or revoked by the elector before the first day for which retired or retainer pay is granted. Unless it is made on the basis of restored mental competency under section 1433 of this title, or unless it is made before the elector completes nineteen years of service for which he is entitled to credit in the computation of his basic pay (in which case only the latest change or revocation shall be effective), the change or revocation is not effective if it is made less than two years before the first day for which retired or retainer pay is granted. The elector may, however, before the first day for which retired or retainer pay is granted, change or revoke his election (provided the change does not increase the amount of the annuity elected) to reflect a change in the marital or dependency status of the member or his family that is caused by death, divorce, annulment, remarriage, or acquisition of a child, if such change or revocation of election is made within two years of such change in marital or dependency status.

(d) If an election made under this section is found to be void for any reason except fraud or willful intent of the member making the election, he may make a corrected election at any time within 90 days after he is notified in writing that the election is void. A corrected election made under this subsection is effective as of the date of the voided election it replaces.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 108; Pub. L. 85-861, §33(a)(11), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1565; Pub. L. 87-381, §2, Oct. 4, 1961, 75 Stat. 810; Pub. L. 90-485, §1(1), (2), Aug. 13, 1968, 82 Stat. 751; Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §511(55), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2925; Pub. L. 99-145, title XIII, §1301(a)(2), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 735; Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title XVI, §1621(a)(1), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1602; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title XV, §1501(c)(17), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 499.)