



STATE OFFICER RETIREMENT PLAN ELECTION

■ **Important** - Kansas statute allows certain state officers and employees to have a choice about becoming a KPERS member. See "Who Is Eligible" section on page 2 for listing.

For those who elect not to become a KPERS member, the State agency employing them makes contributions equal to 8 percent of the employee's salary to the State's 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan. This is in lieu of KPERS participation.

You must complete this form within 90 days of assuming your position to be eligible to make a choice. After 90 days, you will automatically become a KPERS member.

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■ Part A - Employee Information

- 1. Name (First, MI, Last): _____
- 2. Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____
- 3. Date of Birth: ____/____/____
- 4. Telephone Number: (____) _____
- 5. Mailing Address: _____
- 6. First Date of Employment: ____/____/____
- City, State, Zip: _____

■ Part B - Irrevocable Election of Retirement Plan

I, _____ (name), holding the position of _____, and being advised of the provisions of K.S.A 74-4911f, and amendments thereto, make the following election:

I elect to become a KPERS member. I understand this election is irrevocable. My membership will automatically begin effective my hire date in the eligible position. If this election is not made on or before my hire date, I understand my KPERS membership will begin the first day of the payroll period beginning after the election date.

OR

I elect not to become a KPERS member. I understand this election is irrevocable. I understand I must sign a separate employee participation agreement before my employer can make contributions on my behalf to the Kansas Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan. My participation will begin in the month following the date my participation agreement is filed. The agreement is available through the Deferred Compensation Plan.

Member Signature: _____ Month/Day/Year: ____/____/____

■ Part C – Employer Certification

This employee is eligible to participate in KPERS or have his/her employer make contributions equal to 8 percent of compensation to the Kansas Deferred Compensation Plan on his/her behalf in accordance with K.S.A. 74-4911f. I certify the first date of employment stated above is correct.

If this employee has elected to become a KPERS member, I understand that I must enroll the member after KPERS sends me written confirmation of this election.

If employee has elected to have the employer contribute 8 percent of compensation to the Kansas Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan on behalf of the employee, I understand the employee must sign and submit a separate Deferred Compensation Plan participation agreement.

Employer Signature: _____ Month/Day/Year: ____/____/____

■ Form Deadline

You must submit this form within 90 days of assuming your position to be eligible to make a choice. After 90 days, you will automatically become a KPERS member.

■ Effective Date

KPERS

KPERS membership is effective on hire date. Your employer will enroll you automatically. Contributions begin immediately. There is nothing more you need to do. If the election to participate in KPERS is not made on or before the hire date, KPERS membership will begin the first day of the payroll period beginning after the election date.

Deferred Compensation

After submitting this form, you need to enroll and complete a deferred compensation participation agreement on your own. Contributions begin the month after you sign the agreement. The 8 percent employer contribution cannot begin until you sign the additional agreement. Call ING at 1-800-232-0024 (select option 5) to make an appointment with a local representative to get started. Due to the special nature of your plan, online enrollment is not available. Please contact ING for assistance.

■ Who Is Eligible

According to K.S.A 74-4911f, the following positions are eligible to choose between KPERS and employer contributions to the deferred compensation plan. State employees and legislators who are active, contributing KPERS members are not eligible to opt out of KPERS when appointed as a state officer. These individuals must remain KPERS members. In addition, any state officer who remains eligible for assistance by the State Board of Regents (K.S.A. 74-4925) is not eligible for this election.

- Secretary of Administration
- Secretary on Aging
- Secretary of Commerce
- Secretary of Corrections
- Secretary of Health and Environment
- Secretary of Labor
- Secretary of Revenue
- Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation Services
- Secretary of Transportation
- Secretary of Wildlife and Parks
- Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol
- Secretary of Agriculture
- Executive Director of the Kansas Lottery
- Executive Director of the Kansas Racing Commission
- President of Kansas Development Finance Authority
- State Fire Marshal
- State Librarian
- Securities Commissioner
- Adjutant General
- Judges and Chief Hearing Officer of the State Court of Tax Appeals
- Members of the Kansas Parole Board
- Members of the State Corporation Commission
- Unclassified employees on the staff of officers of both houses of the Legislature
- Unclassified employees appointed to the Governor or Lieutenant Governor's staff
- Retired members of the Legislature