



Revised Benefit Statement

JRS is pleased to provide you with a newly revised annual Retiree/Survivor Benefit Statement which is enclosed with this newsletter and contains specific information about your Judges' Retirement System (JRS) benefits. It is an important financial record to be used for future reference.

Please review this statement and share it with your family. If you have any questions about your statement, or the benefits you are receiving, contact JRS at 217-782-8500.

Authorized Deductions

Federal income tax deductions and any other amounts you have deducted from your check are itemized and totaled on this section.

Group Insurance Information

The Group Insurance section includes a breakdown of your current group insurance coverage and premiums. ***This information should be referred to during your Benefit Choice period.***

Contributions (Retirees Only)

This section shows total contribu-

tions made by the member, as well as the total benefits paid from this account. If the contributions exceed the benefits paid at the time of your death, the balance is payable to your JRS nominated beneficiary if there is no eligible survivor.

Reciprocal Systems

This section indicates any reciprocal system(s) involved in the calculation of your benefit. After your death, your survivors should contact all systems involved.

Death Benefits

The Death Benefits section of your statement contains information about lump sum death benefits that may be payable to your beneficiaries or monthly survivor annuity benefits that may be payable if you are a retiree and have an eligible survivor. An eligible survivor is defined as: your spouse age 50 or over to whom you are married for at least one year prior to your death; your spouse at any age if (s)he has custody of your dependent children under age 18, age 22 if full-time student, or over age 18 and disabled.

SRS Member Services Website

The new SRS Member Services website is coming July 1! This new website will allow you to access your personal earnings statement, update your current phone number or email address and so much more. ***Based on P.A. 98-235 effective 7/1/14, the Comptroller will no longer mail an earnings statement to you each time your net benefit changes.*** Therefore, you must access the new SRS Member Services website to always be aware of your benefits. Instructions on how to register for the SRS Member Services website is on page 4.

Member Identification Number

Over the last several years the misuse and theft of Social Security numbers (SSNs) and other personal information has become a major problem in private industry and government agencies across the United States.

As a result, State laws have been enacted to safeguard Illinois citizens, including the Identity Protection Act, which is meant to help protect SSNs and other personal information stored in various state computer systems. Consistent with that aim, the Department of Central Management Services has developed Employee/Member identification (ID) numbers for all State employees, retirees, and survivors to uniquely identify these members without the use of SSNs.

JRS is phasing out the use of SSNs on most reports and member correspondence, thereby protecting our members' SSNs from possible unintended disclosure and misuse. The enclosed member ID number on your new JRS ID card and annual statement can be used as the primary identifier in your correspondence with JRS. You can still use your SSN when contacting JRS, although we would encourage you to start using your new Member ID number to help protect your SSN and other personal information.

An example of the new ID card is located on page 2.

One- On- One Counseling

The 2014 One-on-One counseling sessions will be held at the locations below. If you would like to schedule an appointment with Jayne Waldeck during a visit to your city, contact the Court Administrator at that specific location.

June 12

Madison County Courthouse
Edwardsville in the afternoon

June 13

St. Clair County Building
Belleville in the morning

June 19

Peoria County Courthouse
Peoria in the morning

Tazewell County Courthouse
Pekin in the afternoon

June 25

Adams County Courthouse
Quincy in the morning

McDonough County Courthouse
Macomb in the afternoon

June 27

Williamson County Courthouse
Marion in the morning

Jefferson County Justice Center
Mt. Vernon in the afternoon

July 8

Lake County Courthouse
Waukegan in the afternoon

July 9

McHenry County Courthouse
Woodstock in the morning

Winnebago County Courthouse
Rockford in the afternoon

July 24

DuPage County Courthouse
Wheaton in the morning

Kane County Judicial Center
St. Charles in the afternoon

August 21

Rock Island County Courthouse
Rock Island

September 26

Vermilion County Courthouse
Danville in the morning

Coles County Courthouse
Charleston in the afternoon

October 9

LaSalle County Courthouse
Ottawa in the morning

Will County Courthouse
Joliet in the afternoon

October 10

Kankakee County Courthouse
Kankakee in the morning

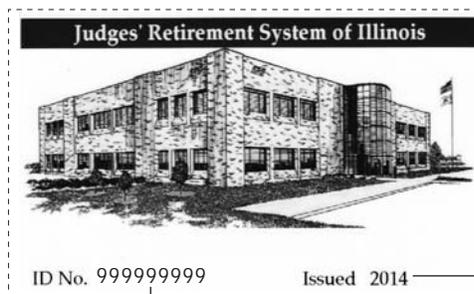
2014 Death Notices

The following judges passed away in 2014.

	<i>Date of Death</i>
Vincent Bentivenga	1-02-14
Patrick Quinn (active)	1-08-14
John Rogers	1-21-14
John Tully	1-23-14
Richard Rochester	1-28-14
Susan Fleming	2-11-14
John Verklan	2-11-14
Donald Cadagin	3-07-14
C. Joseph Cavanagh	3-13-14
Michael Howlett, Jr. (active)	3-16-14
Donna Cervini	3-25-14
Tomas Magdich	4-15-14
Richard Elrod (active)	4-19-14
David Hall	5-20-14
John Sype	5-22-14

New Retiree ID Card

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Included with this Panel newsletter is your new, permanent JRS identification card. The ID Number on the card will replace your Social Security number as your primary identity with JRS sometime in the near-future.

This is the date your ID was issued to you.

This is your permanent ID number that will be used to identify you.

Your July Pension Amount May Change

Effective with your July benefit payment, the group health insurance premiums for all retirees and survivors will increase. The retiree's premium is based on his/her Medicare status and the benefits received from any of the five state-funded retirement systems.

Retirees and survivors who are ineligible for Medicare Part A (Non-Medicare) will be charged 4% of their monthly gross annuity instead of the current 2%.

Retirees and survivors eligible for Medicare Parts A and B will be charged 2% of their monthly gross annuity instead of the current 1%.

The new insurance premium will be deducted from your July 2014 benefit check. The following *examples* are for member health coverage only.

EXAMPLE of Premium for a Medicare Member

Medicare Prime retiree with total monthly gross benefit of \$10,000

$$***\$10,000 X 2\% (.02) = \$200 (new monthly premium)***$$

EXAMPLE of Premium for a Non-Medicare Member

Non-Medicare member with total monthly gross benefit of \$10,000

$$***\$10,000 X 4\% (.04) = \$400 (new monthly premium)***$$

Due to the changes in health insurance premiums effective with your July benefit, JRS will send you an earnings statement in mid-July detailing your gross benefit amount, all deductions and your net benefit for July 2014.

Email Address: jrs@srs.illinois.gov

The SRS Member Services website provides members with secure interactive access to their membership data. There are several steps for your first visit.

To sign up for an Illinois Public Id (if you do not have one):

1. From your Internet browser enter <https://memberservices.srs.illinois.gov> or access our Member Services website link from www.srs.illinois.gov.
2. Click the  button and complete the new Account form and click .
3. Enter your "First Name" and "Last Name".
4. Enter your "Email Address" and again in "Confirm Email Address".
5. Enter your chosen "Password" (be sure to review link for the State of Illinois password requirements).
6. "Confirm Password" by reentering your chosen password.
7. A confirmation email will be sent to your email to complete the signup process. You only need to create this Illinois Public ID once. Now you are ready to sign in!

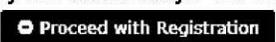


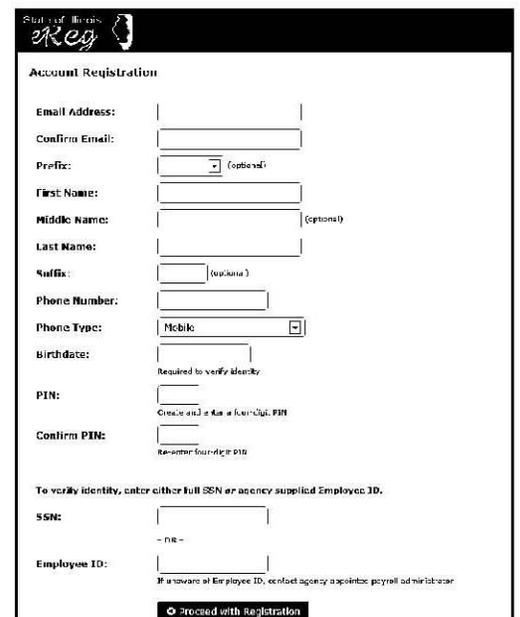

To sign in after you have an Illinois Public Id:

1. From Internet browser enter <https://memberservices.srs.illinois.gov/>
2. Under Sign In section, enter your Username and Password and then click the  button.



To complete one-time ERegistration on first visit:

1. If it's your first time visiting the website, you will complete a one-time "State of Illinois ERegistration".
2. Enter your "Email Address" and again in "Confirm Email".
3. Enter your name "First", "Middle", "Last" and Suffix if applicable.
4. Enter your Phone Number and type (mobile, home or work).
5. Enter your "Birthdate" as mm/dd/yyyy (example: 01/01/1960).
6. Enter a four-digit Personal Identification Number as your "PIN". This protects your privacy and prevents unauthorized access to your account.
7. Re-enter your "PIN" to confirm it.
8. Enter your "Social Security Number" or "Employee ID". Your employee id is on your most recent member statement or you may contact SRS about it.
9. Click on the  button.
10. Review the registration entry for accuracy. To finalize the registration, again click the  button.



After registration, you will be redirected to the SRS Member Services website.

On future visits, you will sign in once and be directed to the website automatically.