



# Introduction

## Notice of Election of Benefits (Option D)

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 32, Section 12(2)(d)  
Form Last Revised: February, 2020

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This form permits an eligible spouse to elect to receive a benefit pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 32, Section 12(2)(d) (Option D). An eligible spouse is one who:

- Is married to a member with at least two years of creditable service
- Has been married to the member for at least one year
- If living apart from the member, it was for a justifiable cause

If the spouse is eligible, he or she may elect this benefit, and any other person named as an Option D beneficiary by the member will no longer be eligible for a benefit.

If a member dies without an eligible spouse, but with a nominated Option D beneficiary, that beneficiary will receive the Option D benefit.

If an eligible spouse does not elect this benefit, and there is also no nominated Option D beneficiary, then the member's accumulated deductions will be disbursed in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 32, Section 11(2)(c) to the beneficiary or beneficiaries listed on the *Beneficiary Selection Form for Refund of Accumulated Deductions*.

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Form Last Revised: July, 2019

**Retirement Board:** Please enter your retirement board information here.

<b>Name of Retirement Board:</b>	<input type="text"/>		
<b>Address:</b>	<input type="text"/>		
<b>City/Town:</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Zip Code:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Telephone:</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Fax:</b>	<input type="text"/>

At a meeting of the  Retirement Board held on  it was voted to grant member survivor benefits to , who elected benefits under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 32, Section 12(2)(d) and who was the spouse of , who died on .

In support of the granting of such survivor benefits, the board finds that the following conditions are met:

1. The late member was a member-in-service on , the date of his/her death.
2. The late member had  years and  months of creditable service on the date of his/her death.
3. The late member and spouse were married for  years and living together on the date of his/her death or living apart for justifiable cause. If living apart, please enclose the board's findings of fact.

### Signature of Board Chair or Administrator:

<b>Print Name:</b>	<input type="text"/>	
<b>Signature:</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Date:</b> <input type="text"/>