

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

January 27, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. CONRAD -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Employees

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to allowing NYSTRS retirees to change their retirement plan beneficiary to a spouse at any time prior to or after retirement

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 539 of the education law, as added  
2 by chapter 695 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:

3 6. An option selection duly filed by the member with the retirement  
4 system shall become effective upon retirement. Notwithstanding the fore-  
5 going, a member who has been retired for service or with a deferred  
6 retirement allowance may file an option selection or change or with-  
7 drawal of an option selection previously filed no later than thirty days  
8 following the date on which the member has retired, provided, however,  
9 if a member is designating their spouse as a beneficiary, such option  
10 selection or change may be made at any time prior to or after effective  
11 retirement; a member who has been retired for disability may file an  
12 option selection or a change or withdrawal of an option selection previ-  
13 ously filed no later than (i) thirty days following the date on which  
14 such member's application for disability retirement was approved by the  
15 retirement board or (ii) thirty days following the date on which the  
16 member was retired for disability, whichever is later. Provided, howev-  
17 er, if a member who has been retired for disability is designating their  
18 spouse as a beneficiary, such option selection or change may be made at  
19 any time prior to or after the date on which the member was retired for  
20 disability.

21 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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