

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, an individual described in § 26-201 of this subtitle is a member of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System as a condition of employment.

(b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, membership in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System is optional for an individual described in § 26-201 of this subtitle:

(i) who was employed by the Department of Natural Resources on July 1, 1990 and who elects membership on or before December 31, 2002;

(ii) who was employed by the Field Enforcement Division on June 30, 1995 and who elects membership on or before December 31, 2002;

(iii) who was employed by the Maryland Transportation Authority on June 30, 1997 and who elects membership on or before December 31, 2002;

(iv) who was employed by the Baltimore City Sheriff's Department on June 30, 1997 and who elects membership on or before December 31, 2002;

(v) who was employed by the University of Maryland Police Force on June 30, 1999 and who elects membership on or before December 31, 2002;

(vi) who is employed by a participating governmental unit on the effective date of participation on or after July 1, 1999 for that participating governmental unit and who elects membership within 6 months of the effective date of participation;

(vii) who was employed by the Maryland Port Administration Police Force and was subsequently transferred to and employed by the Maryland Transportation Authority Police Force on July 1, 1998 and who elects membership on or before December 31, 2002;

(viii) who was employed by the office of the State Fire Marshal on June 30, 1998 and who elects membership on or before December 31, 2002;

(ix) who was employed by the Morgan State University Police Force on June 30, 1999 and who elects membership on or before December 31, 2002;

(x) who was employed by the BWI Airport Fire & Rescue Department on June 30, 2000, and who elects membership on or before December 31, 2002;