of as has not been paid during his absence, as if he had not been absent and had been employed for the period of his absence, at the same rate of pay as when he entered active service. During the period of such absence of any such person who was employed by the State or any agency thereof, including teachers, at the time he entered active service, the State or agency thereof shall make its contribution on behalf of such employee as it would have made had he not been absent and had retained his status as an employee during the period of his absence. Such person, however, shall have no right to withdraw any part of any such contribution made by the State or any agency. The Boards, trustees or others charged with the administration of any pension or retirement fund or system are hereby authorized to issue rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Section, any present rules and regulations to the contrary notwithstanding, including rules and regulations controlling the period within which any such person may make up the contributions missed by reason of his absence, and the size and time, manner and amount of such repayment of any portion thereof.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed upon a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 1, 1943.

CHAPTER 334.

(Senate Bill 262)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Elections", sub-title "Primary Elections", providing that certificates filed by candidates seeking nomination in primary elections, or for delegate to a party convention or membership on