

Article 73B* of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Pensions," to be under sub-title "Employees of Municipal Corporations," said new sections to be known as Sections 17 to 24, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section 16 of said Article, and to read as follows:

17. (Definitions.) The following words and phrases as used in this sub-title, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, shall have the following meaning:

(1) "Municipal corporation" means county, incorporated town or municipality or other political sub-division of the State.

(2) "Legislative body" means County Commissioners, City Council, Town Council, President and Commissioners, Burgess and Commissioners (or by whatever other name the legislative body of any incorporated town, city or municipality may be known) and the Board or Commission having authority or control over any other political sub-division of the State.

18. (Municipal Employees Entitled to Membership in Employees' Retirement System of State.) On and after January 1, 1946, any officer or employee of any municipal corporation, except such officers and employees as are now eligible to participate in a retirement system wholly or partially maintained at the expense of a municipal corporation, shall be entitled to membership in the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland as provided by this Article and subsequent amendments thereto. Provided, however, that the officers and employees of any municipal corporation shall not be included in said Employees' Retirement System of the State without the approval of the legislative body of any such municipal corporation. Should the legislative body of any municipal corporation on or after January 1, 1946, give its approval to the participation of its officers and employees in the said Employee's Retirement System of the State as hereinabove provided, such employees shall be eligible to participate in said Employees' Retirement System of the State as specifically provided hereinafter for such employees.

19. (Membership in State System.) (a) Membership in the System for such officers and employees who are admitted as provided in Section 18 of this Article shall be optional with such officers and employees in the service on the date the approval is given and any such officer or

* "73B" evidently intended.