

1A. The members of the county council of any county adopting a charter under said Article XIA shall be elected on the general ticket by the qualified voters of such county as the members of the General Assembly are or may be elected under the provisions of the law of the State of Maryland, and members of the county council shall be likewise nominated as members of the General Assembly are or may be nominated under provisions of the law of the State of Maryland.

1B. No citizen of any chartered county, who is a registered voter therein, shall be prohibited from being a candidate for or serving in the county council if elected on the general ticket by a majority of the qualified voters of said county.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

Approved April 27, 1945.

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## CHAPTER 793.

(Senate Bill 630)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, sub-section (5) of Section 3 of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supp.), title "Pensions," relating to membership of elected and appointed officials in the Employees' Retirement System.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That sub-section (5) of Section 3 of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supp.), title "Pensions," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(5) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Article, membership in the retirement system shall be optional with any class of elected officials, or with any class of officials appointed for fixed terms. Such elected or appointed officials now in office may become members of the Employees' Retirement System by making application for such membership within six months after the effective date of this Act. All officials hereafter elected or appointed