

Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article Fourteen.

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CHAPTER 56

(House Bill 11)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 3(5) and 6(2) of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Pensions," renewing the time limitation as to certain elected or appointed officials who may desire to become members of the Employees' Retirement System and relating generally to the provisions applicable to such members.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 3(5) and 6(2) of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Pensions," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

3.

(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 [June 1, 1945] *July 1, 1953*. All officials [hereafter] elected or appointed *on or after July 1, 1953* may become members of the System upon making application therefor within six months after their election or appointment. All such officials shall be entitled to credit for prior service rendered by them to the State, including service rendered prior to the establishment of the Employees' Retirement System. If any such official is entitled to a pension under the provisions of any other law, such official shall be deemed to

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EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.