20. (Membership in State System.) (a) Membership in the System for such officers and employees who are admitted as provided in Section 19 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 employee who elects to join the said Retirement System within one calendar year thereafter, shall be entitled to a prior service certificate covering full credit for service rendered prior to date of approval. Any person who was an officer or employee of any such municipal corporation before or during World War II and who left his position to serve in military service therein, and who later re-entered the employment of that or another municipal corporation within two years from the date of his discharge from military service, shall be entitled to prior service credit for any part of the period of such military service not otherwise credited and allowable under the provisions of this Article; and the expense of allowing such prior service credit shall be borne by the municipal corporation with which he is serving on June 1, 1955.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Approved April 25, 1955.

## CHAPTER 668

## (House Bill 526)

AN ACT to repeal Section 2-E of the Maryland-Washington Regional District Act as enacted by Chapter 992 of the Acts of 1943 and to enact in lieu thereof Sections 2-E (1) and 2-E (2) of the said Act so as to authorize the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission to designate the members of the said Commission from Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, respectively, as a county planning board for such counties upon the request of the governing bodies of the said counties, and relating to planning and zoning in the said counties.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 2-E of the Maryland-Washington Regional District Act as enacted by Chapter 992 of the Acts of 1943 be and it is hereby repealed, and that Sections 2-E (1) and 2-E (2) be and they are hereby added to said Act to stand in the place and stead of the Section so repealed, and all to read as follows:

2-E(1). The making of the general plan, including its parts, amendments, extensions or additions, the protection of and the carrying out of the plan, and the exercise of all planning, platting, zoning, sub-division control and all other powers granted in this Act to the Commission or to the Boards of County Commissioners of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties shall be with the purposes of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, comprehensive, adjusted and systematic development of the District, the coordination and

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.