

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 have waived the benefits thereof by accepting the payment of benefits under this article.

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

Approved April 25, 1955.

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CHAPTER 602

(Senate Bill 519)

AN ACT to add Section 6 (7) and Section 24A to Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Pensions", said new sections to follow respectively after Sections 6 (6) and 24 thereof, relating to the creditable service of certain elected or appointed officials who are members of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 6 (7) and Section 24A be and they are hereby added to Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Pensions", said new sections to follow respectively after Sections 6 (6) and 24 thereof, and all to read as follows:*

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*(7) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Article, every elected or appointed official who is or becomes a member of the Employees' Retirement System and who at any previous time was an elected or appointed official of one or more of the counties or municipal corporations of this State shall receive in the Employees' Retirement System prior service credit for the time spent as an elected or appointed official of the county or municipal corporation. Upon receiving a claim for such prior service credit from the official, the Board of Trustees of the Retirement System shall verify the fact of previous tenure as an elected or appointed official of the county or municipal corporation, compute the amount due from such political sub-division for the prior service credit, and submit a statement to the county or municipal corporation for such amount. The county or municipal corporation is authorized and directed forthwith to pay the said amount to the Retirement System, or to place it in the next ensuing budget for prompt payment when that budget becomes effective.*

*24A. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Article, any elected or appointed official of a municipal corporation which*

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.