

Maryland), title "Howard County", and sub-title "County Commissioners and County Collectors", as added by Chapter 529 of the Acts of 1961, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

61A.

Any regular employee of Howard County shall have the right to retire, and the Board of County Commissioners may effect the retirement of any such employee, when he or she shall have reached the age of 65 years. In the event that such employee shall have been employed by said County for a period of 15 years prior to the date of his or her retirement under the provisions hereof, the said Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized and empowered to pay unto such retired person an annual sum of \$1,200.00, payable in equal monthly installments on the first day of each and every month during the lifetime of such retired person, accounting from the date of such retirement. *Provided, however, that no employee shall be entitled to commence receiving the benefits of this Act unless he is retired on or before June 30, 1965, except as hereinafter provided.*

*Any person who is a regular employee of the County on June 30, 1965, must be a member, of the State of Maryland Employees Retirement System as of said date in order to be eligible for the supplemental benefits of this section as hereinafter defined and created.*

*No employee, even though otherwise entitled, shall be entitled to receive the benefits of the pension under this section if he is a member of the State of Maryland Employees Retirement System and eligible at the time of his retirement to receive retirement benefits under the State of Maryland Employees Retirement System, unless the maximum benefit to which he would be entitled to receive under any plan of benefit under the State of Maryland Employees Retirement System would be less than Twelve Hundred Dollars per annum. In the event that an employee who is a member of the State of Maryland Employees Retirement System is entitled to maximum benefits totalling less than Twelve Hundred Dollars per annum and said employee also being entitled to the benefits of this section, then and in that event, the Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized to pay to said employee a supplemental pension in such amount as to provide the difference between the benefit conferred by the State of Maryland Employees Retirement System and a total annual benefit of Twelve Hundred Dollars.*

**[The term "regular employee" as used herein shall not be construed to include an employee who is employed periodically or intermittently nor any person who performs on a contractual basis.]**

*The term "regular employee" as used herein shall mean any regular employee of the Board of County Commissioners of Howard County and regular employee of the Board of Education of Howard County, not covered by the provisions of the Teacher's Retirement System.*

Nothing herein contained shall have the effect of limiting the power of said Board of County Commissioners to discharge any County employee. *Nor shall nothing contained herein have any effect upon the rights and upon privileges conferred by this section upon those persons already retired under its provisions.*