

Article 77.

192.

The membership of this retirement system shall be composed as follows:

(1) All persons who shall become teachers after the date as of which the retirement system is established, except those specifically excluded under subsection (3) of this section, **[shall]** *may* become members of the retirement system *at any time within the first two years of his employment, but if he has not previously joined must become a member at the end of that period* as a condition of their employment, but this section shall not apply to veterans of World War II who are not eligible to become members of the retirement system because of some physical disability which disqualifies them for membership, and such veterans who have completed the courses of study required for teaching and have passed the required examinations shall be eligible for teaching positions in the State regardless of their ability to become members of the retirement system. *The rate of contribution of the employee shall be determined by his age at the time he actually joins the system, and will not be reduced for reason of service prior to joining, provided, however, that any employee may purchase credit for service before joining by paying the contributions due plus interest. Such purchase may be made only at time of* **AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO** *retirement.*

198.

(6)(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 192, subsection (3) of this article, **[from and after July 1, 1968, any teacher who is newly employed or becomes eligible to join the retirement system, shall become a member of the State retirement system and]** any teacher who is employed by the City of Baltimore after December 12, 1966, and is not a member of the employees' retirement system of the City of Baltimore as of July 1, 1968, may elect prior to the completion of two years of such employment to become a member of the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Maryland.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That Section 51(1) of Article 88B of said Code (1964 1969 Replacement Volume), title "State Police," subtitle "State Police Retirement System," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

Article 88B.

51.

The membership of the Retirement System shall consist of the following:

(1) Any person who shall become an employee as herein defined after the date of establishment **[shall]** *may* become a member of the Retirement System *at any time within the first two years of his employment, but if he has not previously joined must become a member at the end of that period* as a condition of employment, and shall not be entitled to receive any pension or retirement allowance from any other pension or retirement system supported wholly or in part by the State of Maryland, anything to the contrary notwithstanding. *The rate of contribution of the employee shall be*