

*disease known as sickle cell anemia. This information shall comply with the provisions of the section concerning sickle cell anemia in Article 43.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect any other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end, all the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.*

Approved May 26, 1972.

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CHAPTER 430

(Senate Bill 592)

AN ACT to add new Section 22A to Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Pensions," subtitle "Employees of Municipal Corporations," to follow immediately after Section 22 thereof, to provide for membership by masters in chancery of the Circuit Courts for the counties either in a local pension system or the State Employees' Retirement System, to require approval of the local legislative body and payment of contributions by local governments in case of election to join the State System.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 22A be and it is hereby added to Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Pensions," subtitle "Employees of Municipal Corporations," to follow immediately after Section 22 thereof, and to read as follows:*

*22A.*

*On and after July 1, 1972, masters in chancery who are appointed in any county by the Circuit Court for the county, and serve on a full-time basis as masters, shall be eligible at their election for membership in a retirement system wholly or partially maintained at the expense of a municipal corporation or in the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland. No masters shall be included in the State Employees' Retirement System without the approval of the legislative body of the municipal corporation for which he is appointed. The municipal corporation shall pay the contributions required to be paid by the State on behalf of such masters as if they were State employees.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.*

Approved May 26, 1972.