

sion provisions or who may be designated by the board of trustees as a temporary employee. In all cases of doubt, the board of trustees shall determine whether any person is an employee as defined in this article.

Employer. "Employer" shall mean the county.

Medical board. "Medical board" shall mean the board of physicians provided for in section 20-43 of this Code.

Member. "Member" shall mean any employee included in the membership of the retirement system as provided in section 20-8 of this Code.

Membership service. "Membership service" shall mean honorable and faithful service as an employee rendered while a member of the retirement system.

Pension. "Pension" shall mean payments for life derived from money provided by the employer. All pensions shall be payable in equal monthly installments.

[Pension reserve. "Pension reserve" shall mean the present value of all payments to be made on account of any pension, or benefit in lieu of any pension, computed upon the basis of such mortality tables as shall be adopted by the board of trustees, and regular interest.]

Prior service. "Prior service" shall mean service rendered prior to the date of establishment of the retirement system for which credit is allowable under sections 20-13 to 20-17 of this Code.

Regular interest. "Regular interest" shall mean interest at such rate *or rates* as may be set from time to time by the board of trustees in accordance with section 20-50 of this Code.

Retirement. "Retirement" shall mean withdrawal from active service with a retirement allowance granted under the provisions of this article.

Retirement allowance. "Retirement allowance" shall mean the sum of the annuity and the pension, or any optional benefit payable in lieu thereof.

Retirement system or system. "Retirement system" or "system" shall mean the employees' retirement system of the county.

Service. "Service" shall mean service as employee paid for by the employer. (Balto. Co. Code, 1958, sec. 41-1. Bill No. 138, 1959; No. 44, 1961; No. 49, 1967. 1-2-45, sec. 1.)

Section 20-8. Membership—Composition.

The membership of the retirement system shall consist of the following:

(a) Any person who shall become an employee after the date of establishment *and prior to July 1, 1971* shall become a member of